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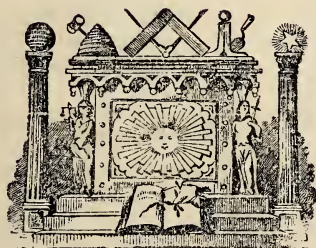


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For the Masonic Year 1877, and their Address.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, commenced its ninetyeth Annual Communication, at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Raleigh, on Tuesday evening, December 5th, A. L. 5876, A. D. 1876, at 7 o'clock, and was opened in ample form, a constitutional number of Lodges being represented.

Prayer by Rev. W. P. Williams, Grand Chaplain *pro tem*.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

M. W.,	GEORGE W. BLOUNT,	.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R. W.,	EUGENE GRISSOM,	.....	<i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
"	HORACE H. MUNSON,	.....	<i>Senior Grand Warden.</i>
"	SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE,	.....	<i>as Junior Grand Warden.</i>
"	WILLIAM E. ANDERSON,	.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	DONALD W. BAIN,	.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
Bro.	JOHN D. SOUTHERLAND,	.....	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	J. C. L. GUDGER,	.....	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	EUGENE S. MARTIN,	.....	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	JOSEPH HILDESHEIMER,	.....	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
"	A. M. NOBLE,	.....	<i>as Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	HENRY C. PREMPERT,	.....	<i>Grand Tiler.</i>

Also the following Past Grand Officers, members of the Grand Lodge:

M. W., William G. Hill, Edwin G. Reade, R. W. Best, and John Nichols, Past Grand Masters; R. W., Joseph B. Batchelor and Clinton A. Cilley, Past Deputy Grand Masters; R. W., Sam'l H. Rountree, James H. Moore, and Robert W. Hardie, Past Junior Grand Wardens.

Bro. John B. Neathery, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the report of that committee, which was read, accepted and re-committed to the committee with au-

thority to add the names of Representatives whose credentials were presented during the Communication. The following is the report complete:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials report Lodges represented as follows, as shown by credentials submitted to them.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. NEATHERY,
for Committee.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, ..No.	1....	William R. Kenan, proxy for W. M. and S. W.; J. I. Macks, J. W.
ST. JOHN'S,	" 3....	J. W. Cotten,.... proxy for W. M.
PHOENIX,	" 8 ..	N. H. Cohen,..... W. M.
JOHNSTON CASWELL, ..	" 10 ...	T. C. Williams, W. M.; W. J. Norwood, proxy for S. W.; C. H. Lewellen, J. W.
AMERICAN GEORGE, ..	" 17....	Wm. Simpson, ... proxy for Officers.
PHALANX,	" 31....	F. H. Glover, W. M.; H. A. Klueppelberg, S. W.
STOKES,	" 32...	L. A. Bikle, W. M.
HIRAM,	" 40....	A. S. Lee, W. M.; F. H. Busbee, S. W.; C. D. Rice, proxy for J. W.
HALL,	" 53....	H. E. Baxter, ... proxy for Officers.
KING SOLOMON,	" 56...	R. T. Stephenson, W. M.
CONCORD,	" 58....	J. W. Cotten, W. M.
KILWINNING,	" 64....	Eugene S. Martin, Rep.
SCOTLAND NECK,	" 68....	Thomas N. Hill, Rep.
WIDOW'S SON,	" 75....	Wm. C. Mercer, proxy for Officers.
LaFAYETTE,	" 83....	J. W. Shackleford, W. M.
FELLOWSHIP,	" 84....	C. S. Powell, ... proxy for Officers.
MORNING STAR,	" 85....	James S. Battle, proxy for Officers.
WESTERN STAR.	" 91....	M. H. Justice, S. W.
JOSEPH WARREN, ..	" 92....	D. G. W. Ward, S. W.
JERUSALEM,	" 95....	J. Q. Jackson, W. M.
ST. JOHN'S,	" 96....	Sam'l H. Rountree, W. M.; W. W. Dunn, proxy for J. W.
WAKE FOREST,	" 97....	Thos. Yeargin, W. M.; L. M. Green, J. W.
HIRAM,	" 98....	W. T. Battley, W. M.
FULTON,	" 99....	J. A. Hedrick, W. M.

WARREN,	No. 101...	John D. Southerland,	W. M.
ORR,	" 104...	William Simpson, proxy for Officers.	
PERQUIMANS,	" 106...	W. P. Roberts, proxy for Officers.	
BELMONT,	" 108...	J. D. Southerland, proxy for Officers.	
FRANKLIN,	" 109...	John Nichols, ... proxy for Officers.	
WAYNE,	" 112...	E. A. Wright, W. M.; H. C. Prem- pert, S. W.	
HOLLY SPRING, ...	" 115...	J. G. Langston,	S. W.
MT. LEBANON, ...	" 117...	T. S. Kenan,	W. M.
MT. HERMON, ...	" 118.	J. H. Carter, Thomas D. Johnston, Melvin E. Carter, Reps.	
TUSCARORA,	" 122...	Z. M. Paschall, W. M.; J. L. Hob- good, S. W.	
FRANKLINTON, ...	" 123...	H. C. Kearny, W. M.; B. F. Bul- lock, Jr., S. W.; N. M. Barrow, J. W.	
CLINTON,	" 124...	Jere Perry, proxy for W. M.; Thos. White, S. W.; M. S. Davis, J. W.	
MILL CREEK,	" 125...	Charles H. Williams,	S. W.
HANKS,	" 128...	J. Hildesheimer,	Proxy.
ALAMANCE,	" 133...	James E. Boyd,	W. M.
LEAKSVILLE,	" 136...	John H. Hill,	proxy for Rep.
LINCOLN,	" 137...	James Southgate, proxy for Officers.	
MOUNT ENERGY, ...	" 140...	N. E. Cannady, W. M.; W. N. Harris, proxy for S. W.; B. F. Bullock, Sr., J. W.	
CAROLINA,	" 141...	A. P. Bryan,	Rep.
CHEROKEE,	" 146...	J. W. Cooper,	Rep.
PALMYRA,	" 147.	I. W. Godwin,	S. W.
ADONIRAM,	" 149	G. W. Pittard, S. W.; B. T. Wins- ton, J. W.; R. I. Devin, proxy for W. M.	
WHITE STONE, ...	" 155...	M. Whitley, W. M.; L. W. Robert- son, S. W.; W. H. Chamblee, J. W.	
ROLESVILLE,	" 156...	J. M. Fleming,	W. M.
MOUNT PLEASANT, ..	" 157...	Dudley Peed, W. M.; J. W. Atkin- son, S. W.	
YADKIN,	" 162...	J. G. Marler,	Proxy.
ARCHER,	" 165...	J. B. Wall,	Rep.
WINSTON,	" 167...	J. G. Marler, ... proxy for Officers.	
PLEASANT HILL, ...	" 168	Wm. Patterson, proxy for Officers.	

BLACKMER,	No. 170....	J. C. Sams,	Rep.
DELK,	" 171....	C. D. Rice,	proxy for Rep.
BUFFALO,	" 172....	A. A. McIver,	W. M.
GEO. WASHINGTON, ..	" 174....	S. G. Wilson,	W. M.
MECKLENBURG,	" 176....	W. P. Williams,	proxy for Officers.
SILOAM,	" 178....	N. H. Fennell,	Rep.
SANDY CREEK,	" 185....	P. Murphrey, ...	W. M.
PINE FOREST,	" 186....	Sion Harrington,	Rep.
CENTRAL CROSS,	" 187....	W. A. Moore,	W. M.
BALFOUR,	" 188....	T. C. Worth, Rep.; M. S. Robins, S. W.	
GRANITE,	" 191....	W. H. Lancaster, W. M.; A. L. Parker, S. W.	
FALKLAND,	" 196 ...	Jos. A. Dupree,	W. M.
CLEAVELAND,	" 202....	R. McBrayer, proxy for W. M. and J. W.	
ROANOKE,	" 203....	Exum Lewis,	Rep.
BEREA,	" 204....	S. H. Allen,	proxy for W. M.
MINGO,	" 206....	R. A. Draughon,	W. M.
LEBANON,	" 207....	V. V. Richardson,	Rep.
MT. OLIVE,	" 208....	Joel Loftin,	S. W.
ENO,	" 210....	John L. Markham,	W. M.
INDUSTRIAL,	" 212....	Jos. A. Turrentine,	J. W.
RICHLAND,	" 214....	J. A. Leach,	S. W.
NEW LIGHT,	" 215....	A. L. Davis, W. M.; B. Walker, proxy for S. W. and J. W.	
CATAWBA VALLEY, ..	" 217....	J. W. Wilson, A. C. Avery, ...	Reps.
W. G. HILL,	" 218....	J. R. Williams, W. M.; D. S. Waitt S. W.; W. R. Cox, J. W.	
STOKESBURG,	" 220....	W. W. King,	Rep.
WEBSTER,	" 222....	W. C. Benson,	W. M.
MCCORMICK,	" 228....	A. A. McIver,	proxy for Officers.
HENDERSON,	" 229....	Geo. Badger Harris, W. M.; W. T. Allen, S. W.; Harvel Harris, J. W.	
CORINTHIAN,	" 230....	James S. Battle,	W. M.
GUNTER,	" 232....	J. W. Scott,	Rep.
LENOIR,	" 233....	S. I. Sutton, W. M.; J. S. Bizzell, S. W.; C. S. Wooten, J. W.	
ANCHOR,	" 234....	J. E. Whitley, W. M.; L. Ferrell, Rep.	
ATLANTIC,	" 238....	Wm. C. Mercer, proxy for Officers.	
NAHUNTA,	" 239....	J. M. Perkins, W. M.; E. G. Pip- pin, J. W.	

ROUNTREE,	No. 243....	Fred. Harding, W. M. ; J. L. Tucker and Samuel Quinnerly, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
MONROE,	" 244....	F. H. Glover, proxy for W. M.
NEW BERNE,	" 245....	Charles H. Blank, J. W. and proxy for W. M. and S. W.
ELMWOOD,	" 246....	E. A. Wilson, proxy for Officers.
PYTHAGORAS,	" 249....	Eugene S. Martin, proxy for Officers.
SHILOH,	" 250....	A. C. Harris, proxy for Officers.
LEE,	" 253....	R. P. Matheson, Rep.
MOUNT BETHEL,	" 254....	William H. Case, Rep.
BEULAH,	" 257....	E. Rose, Rep.
HARNETT,	" 258....	William Utley, W. M.
WAYNESVILLE,	" 259....	G. S. Ferguson, W. M. ; F. M. Davis.
CENTRE HILL,	" 260....	J. H. Mills, proxy for Officers.
EXCELSIOR,	" 261....	A. Hales, J. W., and proxy for W. M. and S. W.
HIGH BRIGHTON, ...	" 262....	C. A. Cilley, W. M. ; R. R. Wakefield, S. W.
FARMINGTON,	" 265....	L. G. Hunt S. W.
DURBIN,	" 266....	J. D. O. Culbreth, W. M. ; A. Spell, proxy for S. W.
UNAKA,	" 268....	George W. Spake, Rep.
EAST BEND,	" 269....	J. G. Marler, proxy for Officers.
TABASCO,	" 271 ...	J. Hildesheimer, Proxy.
MEBANEVILLE,	" 272... .	T. H. Fowler, proxy for S. W. ; Robert Bingham, J. W.
WATAUGA,	" 273....	W. B. Council, Rep.
ST. PATRICK'S,	" 274....	William Richardson, W. M.
GREEN LEVEL,	" 277....	Seth Broadwell, S. W.
COLESVILLE,	" 278....	D. W. Bain, proxy for Officers.
RICH'D WAT. YORK,	" 281....	C. A. Boon, W. M. ; F. M. Farrell, proxy for S. W.
FORESTVILLE,	" 282....	Leroy Chappell and H. H. Harris, Proxies.
EUREKA,	" 283....	John Sloop, Rep.
GREENVILLE,	" 284....	B. W. Brown, W. M.
SALEM,	" 289....	Wm. Simpson, proxy for Rep.
FRENCH BROAD,	" 292....	H. A. Gudger, Proxy.
VANCE,	" 293....	J. C. Sams, Rep.
ATLANTIC,	" 294....	William S. Carter, Rep.

STONEWALL,.....	No. 296....	W. B. Mangum,.....	W. M.
EDGECOMBE,.....	" 298....	T. S. Kenan,....	proxy for Officers.
HUNTING CREEK,...	" 299....	A. F. Gaither,.....	J. W.
LILLINGTON,.....	" 302....	M. R. Morgan and W. E. Murchison, Reps.	
EVERGREEN,.....	" 303....	L. McN. McDonald,.....	W. M.
PLEASANT HILL,....	" 304....	S. H. Rountree, proxy for Officers.	
GALATIA,.....	" 306....	Eli Shealey, S. W.; D. B. Gillis, proxy for W. M.	
PATTERSON,.....	" 307....	H. C. McAllister, W. M.; H. McNamar, Rep.	
HATCHER,.....	" 310....	A. B. Boykin,.....	J. W.
PROSPECT,.....	" 311....	C. E. Wilkinson,.....	Rep.
KING SOLOMON,....	" 313....	M. J. McRany,.....	J. W.
NEW LEBANON,....	" 314....	C. H. Spencer,.....	Rep.
KINSTON,.....	" 316....	Alexander Nicol,.....	W. M.
MONATAU,.....	" 318....	Donald W. Bain, proxy for Officers.	
WILMINGTON,.....	" 319....	Preston Cumming, proxy for Officers.	
SELMA,.....	" 320....	A. M. Noble, W. M.; H. D. Hood, proxy for S. W.	
WHITE HILL,.....	" 321....	J. W. McDuffie and N. T. Tyson, Proxies.	
WENTWORTH,.....	" 324....	W. N. Mebane,.....	Rep.
FALLING CREEK,...	" 325....	R. A. Cox, J. W.; M. H. Bizzell and Council Warrick, Reps.	
WINTON,.....	" 327....	Donald W. Bain, proxy for Officers.	
MATTAMUSKEET,...	" 328....	H. S. Gibbs,.....	W. M.
FAYETTEVILLE, ...	" 329....	George P. McNeill,.....	J. W.
BAYBORO',.....	" 331....	Jas. J. Carden and Paul J. Daniels, Reps.	
GOLDSBORO,.....	" 332....	H. F. Grainger, W. M.; J. D. Winslow, J. W.	
LOCK'S CREEK,....	" 333....	M. D. Denning,.....	S. W.
IONIC,.....	" 337....	Thomas Capehart.....	W. M.
FAIRVIEW,.....	" 339....	J. W. Cotten,....	proxy for Officers.
HARMONY,.....	" 340....	T. H. Sasser,.....	W. M.
CEDAR FORK,.....	" 342....	W. H. Weatherspoon, W. M.; L. M. Hurst, J. W.	
HICKORY,.....	" 343....	J. C. Hartsell, W. M.; W. T. Reinhardt, S. W.	
NUMA F. REID,....	" 344....	W. H. Ragan,.....	W. M.
SNOW CREEK,.....	" 345....	James Southgate, proxy for Officers.	

TRAP HILL,.....	No. 346....	J. Q. A. Bryan,.....	Rep.
MT. MOURNE,.....	“ 347....	W. P. Williams,.....	Rep.
STANLY,.....	“ 348....	W. H. H. Baugh,.....	S. W.
MT. MORIAH,.....	“ 350....	W. P. Snakenburg, J. W., and proxy for W. M. and S. W.	
ENFIELD,.... . . .	“ 351....	L. W. Batchelor,.....	J. W.
DURHAM,.....	“ 352....	James Southgate,.....	W. M.
MORAVIAN,.....	“ 353....	S. H. Bobbitt,	W. M.
EUNO,.....	“ 354....	H. W. Norris,.....	W. M.
DELLAPLANE,.....	“ 355....	L. Harrell,	W. M.
DOUBLE SHOAL,....	“ 356....	Reuben McBrayer, proxy for W. M.	

The following brethren were present as the accredited representatives of Grand Bodies near this Grand Lodge, heretofore received as such :

M. W., William G. Hill, P. G. M., Grand Lodges of Mississippi and Vermont.

M. W., Robert W. Best, P. G. M., Grand Lodge of Missouri.

M. W., John Nichols, P. G. M., Grand Lodge of Chili. This brother was also received as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

R. W., Donald W. Bain, Grand Lodges of Alabama, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee and Texas.

The Grand Master delivered his Annual Address and referred the same to a committee composed of M. W., Edwin G. Reade, Wm. G. Hill, P. G. Ms., and Bro. Jas. S. Battle.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA: It is a pleasure to meet in the Grand Lodge once a year, and it is now a matter of gratitude and thanksgiving that we meet again so many we have met here before; that amid the dangers and vicissitudes of another year so many of us have been spared to assemble around the altar of the Grand Lodge, exchange greetings of fraternal regard and renew our vows of fealty to the noble Institution of which we are members. Let us, therefore, with humble meekness acknowledge the hand of God in all our ways, and implore His aid in our present Communication, praying His guidance in our councils, His blessing upon the work we have in hand, that mankind may be benefitted and His name glorified on the earth.

The year just ending has been one of great trial to individuals and to Lodges. Much suffering and distress have been the consequence. Many, *very many* who have never done so before, have had to struggle hard for the necessities of life to the exclusion of those duties which pertain to the Lodge-room. The unusually long and exciting political campaign has absorbed the attention of a great many others. These causes have combined to distract our minds in a great measure from the business of the craft, and the consequent neglect of the duties of Masonry has greatly paralyzed our work and brought discouragement to many of our most active agencies. Since fruitful harvests have in a measure assuaged the anxieties about the necessities of life; and the political cauldron has simmered down to something like placidity, let us enter again upon the great work of Masonry with renewed vigor. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel, and with determined push set in full motion all the activities of the Craft, and practically demonstrate that Masonry is not mere ceremony for the amusement of a spare hour, a pastime for holiday enjoyment, but the bond of union for the promotion of the cause of Truth, Justice, Temperance and Charity, and that the ritualistic lessons taught in the Lodge, by symbols, are the foundation of, and introduction to, the works of love which distress and calamity open to view. A distinguished divine once said in a Masonic address, "The whole secret of Masonry is *Love*," and so it is the GRAND CENTRAL basis on which the super-structure rests.

The forms, ceremonies, signs and symbols are the vehicle for the implantation and impression thereof upon its votaries, and he who passes through the ceremonies and discovers nothing but form, and perceives not the underlying truth and comprehends not the grand principle illustrated, has given his strength for naught, and his substance for that which perisheth. *So many* are in that category that many Lodges are so only in name, many masons mere stumbling blocks. The works of benevolence and charity, of love to all the Fraternity are to them *heavy taxes* and a drag. Brethren these things ought not so to be. Let us *bestir ourselves* and wake up to our duties and obligations and learn *anew* the ceremonies of the Lodge and try to perceive the lesson.

DISCIPLINE.

The most unpleasant part of the Grand Master's work is to exercise those prerogatives which require the calling of Masons and Lodges to account for irregularity and misconduct, and it requires the utmost caution and circumspection, and a very large share of patience, to hold the balances steady, so as to do justice and at the same time re-

store harmony. I have had several cases during the year in which it was really difficult to determine what was best to be done. The strict law said vengeance and punishment, charity and mercy said wait yet a little while.

1. By a resolution of the Grand Lodge, at its last session, Rehoboth Lodge, No. 279, was required to show cause why its charter should not be forfeited. That resolution was reported by the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, founded on commotion and discord among the members of that Lodge as evinced by reported cases, frequently recurring, to the Grand Lodge of charges and counter-charges and the apparent inability of the officers to rule and govern. A large mass of papers showed discord, and some of the members complained that the Lodge was used as an engine of oppression by those having control. Immediately upon the close of the Grand Lodge I was informed that charges had been laid against a member who had been previously and repeatedly accused, and who had been as often exculpated by the Grand Lodge, the trouble on whose account had been the moving cause of discord. I gave notice to the Lodge that I would be present at the trial and at the same time require it to show cause why its charter should not be forfeited. As there was a charge against this brother whose case had worked the bad feeling, I thought by witnessing a trial, I could see the cause of the trouble and judge as to the grounds of complaint against him, and the temper and spirit of the Lodge.

Past Grand Master Nichols accompanied and aided me in my deliberations on the matter. We heard the case tried. A large majority of the Lodge—(not two-thirds)—although the charge proved frivolous, and not supported by adequate testimony, voted the accused guilty and sentenced him to indefinite suspension. I immediately set aside the action of the Lodge, and should have declared their charter forfeited but for the intercession of a few who seemed to have the true Masonic spirit, and who thought my visit, advice and reversal of the action of the Lodge would work the needed reform, and save the charter. The Master reports that the feeling in the Lodge is no better. When a Lodge fails to perform the duties required, when it ceases to be an assembly knit together in bonds of peace, amity and friendship, when harmony is banished by the jarring notes of discord, and the inability to restrain and bring to order is apparent in the officers, when works of charity and benevolence are entirely crowded out by strife and personal pique, it were better for the cause that the Lodge should cease its work. The Grand Lodge will take the proper action in the matter.

2. Johnston Caswell Lodge, No. 10, by reason of the reversal of its

action in the case against G. A. Foote, by the Grand Lodge at its last session, and its inability to adjust the difficulty between the two members immediately concerned, became so rent by the demon discord that disorganization seemed inevitable. Some took dimits, and resident Masons not members, and others, petitioned the Grand Master to interfere for the benefit of the cause of Masonry. I appointed brother Geo. Badger Harris, a Special Deputy, to visit the Lodge and adjust the difficulty. He reports that he has done so, to the satisfaction of all concerned. To his report I refer for full and elaborate detail of the whole trouble.

3. Wayne Lodge, No. 112, on the 15th of May passed, and had published in the Goldsboro *Messenger* (newspaper) a series of resolutions, making charge of gross unmasonic conduct against a brother Mason, and a distinguished citizen who was not a Mason; whereby said brother Mason was accused, *tried*, condemned—and sentence published without having given him any opportunity for defence. Upon the complaint of the brother I gave notice to the Lodge of the subject matter of the complaint, requiring it to show cause, before me on the 10th of June, why the charter of the Lodge should not be forfeited. It being a matter of great importance I invited my two immediate predecessors, Past Grand Masters Clark and Nichols, to sit with me at the hearing and aid me in coming to the proper conclusion. Brother Clark, having been previously consulted by the Lodge as counsel, declined. Brother Nichols was with me. Not being able to justify the conduct, and not giving any good reason or evincing the proper spirit for leniency, judgment for the arrest of charter was passed, and the books and other effects placed in the hands of a proper person as custodian. One of the Constitutional rights of every person in a free government, and of every Mason, is to be informed of any accusation against him, and to confront his accusers. This plain and axiomatic right the Lodge violated by making an accusation which, if *true*, merited the severest punishment; and acting upon that accusation, in Lodge, without giving the accused an opportunity for defence, and then publishing to the world its sentence of condemnation. I hold that every tendency in secret associations, such as ours, to oppression of its members, and every attempt to strike at the character or reputation of *any* one in secret session, in a manner not warranted by the laws of the association, should meet at once with the severest rebuke. Masonry should punish for *crime*, and the accused properly charged and tried has no grounds for complaint. To make the case of this Lodge worse, the subject matter of the complaint had been submitted to the arbitrament of legal investigation, and was decided by the

court and jury in vindication of the gentlemen, and the presiding Judge, in a statement of the case prepared for me, says, "I feel it my duty to say that nothing was developed on the trial alluded to which in the slightest degree tended to affect unfavorably the character of brother — —, (the Mason accused) either as a man, as a lawyer or as a gentleman. On the contrary the evidence fully established his claim to all he charged as a fee, and in addition to that, to the lasting gratitude of his clients for the zeal and active exertions he exhibited."

On the 3d of October I received a petition from a committee, appointed by a convention of Wayne Lodge, asking for restoration of charter, with a full, frank and humble acknowledgment of the wrong done, and in the issue of the Goldsboro *Messenger* of the 7th a public recantation was made, thereby doing, as far as could be, the justice due to the wronged parties and evincing the true spirit—hence I at once issued my dispensation restoring the charter, and for election of officers.

My information is that harmony prevails, and there is perfect acquiescence in all that has been done, except that one individual member dissents and was so filled with gall that he took occasion to publish a card of dissent, manifesting a most unmasonic spirit, bad temper and great disrespect to the Lodge and the Grand Master. If the Lodge can tolerate him in their midst and preserve harmony, I leave them to the enjoyment of his society. I place on file all the papers connected with the matter for the inspection of the Grand Lodge, or the appropriate committee.

If Lodges in disorder, or continuing in disregard of duties, were disciplined and made to know that when obligations are assumed and privileges granted, conformity *would* be required, we would at least have more circumspection as to outward demeanor. Many of our statutes are dead letters on our books. The rules, regulations, by-laws, edicts and resolutions of the Grand Lodge are openly violated, and disregarded by members of Lodges. Some even say they deny the authority of the Grand Lodge to impose duties. They take it, that because they enter the Lodge freely and voluntarily they may freely and voluntarily obey or disobey, as they freely or voluntarily choose. Such is not the case; the obligations assumed cannot be laid aside or violated with impunity and honor.

THE ORPHAN WORK.

The orphan work has not escaped the embarrassments incident to the "hard times" of the past year. Its prosecution has been effected

by the most untiring energy and self-sacrificing devotion of the Superintendent and his subordinates, and from necessity the number of orphans has been diminished, and the lines of the work contracted.

The embarrassments to the work west of the mountains were such as to force an abandonment of Mars Hill, and a removal to Asheville, early in the beginning of this Masonic year. A valuable property at Asheville was donated by the Rev. L. M. Pease, but such reservation to its immediate use was made as to make it for the purposes of the Asylum almost valueless. After trial for many months, and after considering many propositions and plans looking to the successful management of that branch of the work, I finally accepted the offer of Mr. Pease to establish and conduct an orphan asylum at his own charges upon reconveyance of the property. Having been conveyed to the Grand Lodge in trust for the orphan work, in the reconveyance I felt impelled to impose the same trust upon him, and drew the deed accordingly. I did not think that the Grand Lodge or its officers had a *right* to yield trust property except in furtherance of the trust imposed.*

Mr. Pease is a big hearted, benevolent man, with large experience in the orphan work, and is devoting his time and the fortune which God has entrusted to him in works of charity and christian benevolence, and I felt in surrendering a work which was embarrassing to us, and burdensome to the parent Institution at Oxford, to such a man, I was doing the orphan cause a benefit and at the same time giving relief to the Fraternity.

Our great aim in establishing the Orphan Asylum was to relieve the poor unfortunate orphans of the State, and the greater the number we make interested in that work the more effectually will our aim be consummated. Would that others, with the means, could be influenced to establish such homes of refuge and protection, and that such manifestations could be made as to compel the State to do what the Constitution requires—(see sec. 8 art. xi, State Constitution,)—establish homes of refuge for the indigent orphans of the State. We must not relax our efforts in the great work—it must be carried on. Our obligation as Masons, our honor and reputation as a great benevolent Institution, our love of benevolence, charity, and all the Masonic virtues, demand our continued activity in the prosecution of the work in which we have made such good beginning, and which has already been fruitful of such blessed results. Let us go forward in this great

*NOTE.—Since, Mr. Pease has returned the deed of conveyance, refusing to accept because of the clause limiting the use of the property to the Orphan work or for general education.

work of love until the fruits may be manifest in the establishment of like institutions by kindred societies, and until such provision may be made for the orphans in general as will enable us to care for our own household and provide for them more munificently than we are at present able to do.

It is earnestly urged upon the Grand Lodge to take such action as will in the future relieve the work of the incertitude of its support, and the benevolently disposed of much anxiety and burthen. I will not recommend any line of action, but will suggest that it is a Masonic work, and every individual Mason and Lodge is equally interested in it, and ought to share equally the burthen of its support.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows which assembled in this city in May last, the Grand Master asked the co-operation of that body in our great work of relief for the orphans, earnestly hoping that such action might be had as would inure to the benefit of the cause, and to the honor and glory of our sister society. To that end I appointed a committee of distinguished Masons in Raleigh with full power to confer with a similar committee on the part of the Odd Fellows, and to adjust such means of co-operation as might be deemed proper and just. The appeal was received with proper consideration, a committee was appointed to confer with the committee on the part of the Masons, a report was made highly commendatory of the work, and a donation of one hundred dollars made; but the committee of conference has had no meeting and no plan of co-operation has been adjusted.

To the report of the Superintendent I refer for minute detail, and defer to his recommendations as being far more worthy of consideration than anything I might offer.

DECISIONS.

The decisions made during the year have been mainly a reiteration of those made by my predecessors and myself. The correspondence of the office of Grand Master has been very heavy. Masters of Lodges and others interested find it cheaper to get the opinion of the Grand Master than to investigate for themselves though the great majority of the questions asked had their solution in the Code. The office would be rid of a great deal of labor were the Grand Master to adhere to the rule of communicating only through the Secretary of the Lodge; but it is hard to refuse to answer a letter containing a simple inquiry made by a brother Mason, and hence I answered every letter which came to me asking an opinion on, or construction of, law. And I have gotten

myself into nice little stews occasionally by answering off hand on statements of interested parties, *ex parte*. I mention this not in a spirit of complaint but as a warning to my successor, that he may profit by my experience, and as admonition to the brethren to refrain from imposing upon the *Grand Master* their complaints, and to only call upon him for authoritative decision through the Lodge by its proper officer, the Secretary.

I will only refer to a few of the decisions made that the Grand Lodge may disapprove if wrong, and confirm if right.

1. That the arrest of the charter of a Lodge did not work any detriment to the Masonic character of the individual member, any more than temporary voluntary cessation of work by a Lodge would, and hence individual members of a Lodge under such disability might visit and enjoy the other rights and privileges of a Mason.

2. A member of such Lodge may petition for affiliation in other Lodges, the certificate of the custodian of the books to the effect that such member was in good standing at the time of the arrest of the charter and *clear* of the books, answering for dimit from working Lodge,—of the certificate or the Grand Secretary as to the defunct Lodge.

3. A was tried and convicted by his Lodge and sentence voted; he takes an appeal to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge sustains the appeal, finding that the charge was frivolous, not affecting Masonic character, and reverses the judgment of the Lodge; what is the status of A?

I answer that he stands acquitted and entitled to the privileges of his Lodge as though no trial had been had. The appeal *vacates* the judgment and the sustaining of the appeal by the Grand Lodge is vindication of the accused. It is a mistake to suppose that this is a restoration by the Grand Lodge, for until approved by the Grand Lodge after appeal, the action of the Lodge is not complete. *Restoration* implies deprivation previously existing. If a brother is tried and expelled, and the sentence is *confirmed*, the law says he may be restored by the Lodge expelling or by the Grand Lodge, upon his own petition and such evidence of penitence and reformation as to it may appear satisfactory. If he choose to apply to the Grand Lodge and is *restored*, this action of the Grand Lodge does not work a restoration to membership in his Lodge. To obtain that he must petition regularly for affiliation, and be admitted by unanimous ballot.

4. That a Past Master, on the invitation of the Master, might legally open a Lodge and conduct the business of the meeting, if one of the principal officers was present and assenting.

5. That a Master must have first served as Warden, and in two instances I refused to grant dispensation to instal as Master such as had not served as Warden; though the appeals in behalf of such action were strong, setting forth eminent qualification, high social position, great Masonic learning and great benefit to the Lodge. I hope yet to hear of the installation of these brethren as Masters, and that they may be instrumental in spreading the true light of Masonry from the seat in the East.

6. That it is not *necessary* for the purposes of a Masonic trial, under Article xiv, Section 2, Code, that the *members* of a Lodge be served with a legal Masonic summons. It is sufficient that they be "*notified*" of the character of the special meeting, and the date. The Master may, in his discretion, order legal Masonic summons to issue, and he should do so if the importance of the case for trial, or the delinquency of members in attendance upon Lodge meetings, is such as to warrant it.

I refrain from further mention of decisions made. I bring forward these because of the interest manifested by those immediately concerned, well knowing they do not open up any new point, but contain only familiar learning in Masonic law.

DISPENSATIONS

For election of officers, confirming removal of Lodges, for opening new Lodges and for laying corner-stones, dedications, &c., &c., have been by me granted, when the proper application was made. For the number of Lodges U. D. I refer to the Grand Secretary's report. I am convinced, however, that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary are too easily satisfied as to the proficiency of those asking to be constituted officers of new Lodges, and that the law on the subject needs amendment. And on this point I refer to that part of my address to the last Grand Lodge, on Work, and to the *snubbed* report of the committee on that subject, believing that good to the cause may be evolved by a careful consideration of the matters therein contained.

WORK.

I am somewhat deterred at an approach to this subject, when I call to mind the fate of a similar item in my last address, and the summary disposition made of the very able report of the committee on that portion of the address. I will, however, say that the experience of another year has not caused any change in the statements then expressed,

and I now approve and reaffirm the same as well as the report made thereon, and ask for a respectful consideration of the subject.

When I affirm that we are much in need of reform in Work, when, in fact, I say that the Lodges of the State have not uniformity in Work, and in many Lodges no work at all, or none such as good Masons would recognize as the work of Masonry, I may be excused for urgently calling the attention of the Grand Lodge to the subject and to ask for the proper provision to enforce conformity to the true Work.

A bright Mason who visited a flourishing town on one of our leading thoroughfares, where hundreds of visitors congregate during the Summer, informed me not long since that he visited the Lodge in that town and witnessed the ceremony of raising a candidate to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and that he was utterly confounded, and could not imagine where such Work came from, as it did not even smack of Masonry,—unless it came from some book which he had never seen. And I now venture the assertion that of the two hundred and fifty Lodges working under charters in this Jurisdiction not fifty have the Work as taught by our Grand Lecturers Walker, Rountree, Palmer, Davis and Rice. It is perfectly inexcusable that such a state of affairs should exist, and it is not to be wondered at that the benevolent work we have in charge should languish and continue a beggar, when the fundamental *primal*, initiatory steps are so completely ignored and neglected.

There are many Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction that are totally incompetent either to confer the degrees, discharge the duties or to exercise the rights and privileges of Lodges of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and permitting them to retain their charters, without requiring them to acquire the true Work, and compelling them to conduct their business properly, is a blot on the name of Masonry—and doing infinite harm to the cause. They are turning out upon the world hundreds who are only Masons in name, having no conception of the principles that govern the order, and little or no idea of their duties and obligations as Masons. These matters call loudly for reform. How to effect it is for the Grand Lodge in its wisdom to devise. It is impossible for a Grand Master, unless he be a gentleman of leisure and plethoric purse, to visit all the Lodges and correct abuses, however loud the calls may be upon him and however much he may grieve at the faults and desire to work the reformation. I repeat, therefore, the suggestions in my last Address as to appointment of a Lecturer for the State at large, with the additional recommendation for the conferring upon the Lecturer and his assistants the powers of District Deputies as assistants for the Grand Master. That system

works well in other jurisdictions, and a trial in our own is earnestly suggested as probably the only remedy for the existing evils, now endangering our cause and retarding our progress.

It is necessary that something of the sort be done to relieve the Grand Master of a weight that he cannot bear, unaided and alone. The number of Lodges now at work, the vast extent of territory embraced in this Jurisdiction, and the small number of Masons, in the present impoverished state of the country, who *can* devote their *whole* time to the work, calls aloud for proper assistance. The office business alone of the Grand Master is enough to engage all the time that most of us can spare, from that business from which our daily bread comes. The agency of efficient District Deputies would relieve him of a good deal of that, and enable him to make visitations and enjoy some of the social perquisites of the office, while bearing the responsibilities, labor and *honor*.

And right here I will return thanks for distinguished consideration and kindness shown me by brethren while visiting Elizabeth City, Asheville, Salisbury, Raleigh and Louisburg, and bear special testimony to the zeal for the Masonic Art as manifested by the convocation of a number of Lodges near Elizabeth City, with Eureka Lodge, under the care and tutelage of that proficient and energetic brother, Grand Lecturer, Thomas Palmer. Such Convocations afford great pleasure and work much good.

PERIODICALS.

Too high praise cannot be given to brother Wilson for his self-sacrificing effort to establish a first-class Masonic paper for the benefit of the Craft in the State. We know his struggles have been severe, and the times unfavorable, but the paper yet lives and is doing well, and contains in each issue much valuable and instructive reading matter. If every Mason in the State would take it the benefit to the Craft would be immense, and the family of each would be as much benefited as the Mason.

The *Orphans' Friend* is doing valuable work in its sphere of action, and is a very useful paper, particularly for the family. It is the medium of communication with the children of the Asylum and keeps warm the benevolent feelings of our nature. If every Mason would subscribe for it he would be giving one dollar to the orphan work and in return get full value, heaped up and pressed down, for the contribution. Committees might lighten their work of collecting by getting subscribers to the *Orphans' Friend*. Many would take it for the fam-

ily were it brought forward and explained,—that it is the work of the Orphans, is self-sustaining and aids the Orphan work.

THE ACACIA CANE.

Past Grand Master Nichols, while Grand Master, in visiting the Conservatory of an intimate personal and Masonic friend discovered that the acacia had withered and was dying. The friend remarked, "It is now useless save as a cane, and who more fit to have an acacia cane than the Grand Master," at the same time cutting it down and presenting it.

It has been surmounted by a beautiful silver head, with the inscription: "To the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, IN PERPETUUM, by John Nichols, P. G. M., 1874." It is a gift to be highly prized because of the noble generosity of the giver, and also because of the associations that cluster around the name of the wood, and the grand truths the sprig of acacia is employed by Masons to illustrate—the immortality of the soul and the resurrection from the grave. No one who has personated that distinguished and exemplary character employed in conferring the Master's degree will ever forget the sprig of acacia and the doctrine taught. I was at the bedside of a dying Mason not long since, and unconsciously, perhaps, he took me by the strong grip of a Master Mason. I asked if he remembered the significance of that grip. His eye, which was becoming dim in death's last throes, brightened, and he replied, "Aye, yes;—it is by that strong grip I *shall* be raised from DEATH TO LIFE, through the redeeming merits of Judah's Lion. He remembered it. The emblem had taught and Divine grace had fixed the lesson of the sprig of acacia. He had learned the underlying truth intended to be taught, as well as the doctrine of the resurrection of the body and the immortality of the Soul,—the resurrection from death to life eternal, ineffable, through the power and strength of the merits of *Judah's Lion*.

I surrender the cane to my successor in the hope that he and his successor, and all of us may ever keep in mind and cherish in heart the lesson the evergreen is intended to teach. And may Divine grace so move upon our hearts that the impressions made by our *Type* may be fostered and made perfect in the Great *Antetype*.

May the cane have the further effect to preserve, strengthen, and perpetuate the fraternal regard and kind feelings, one towards the other, which should specially be formed and exist among those who have presided in the Grand East.

In behalf of the office, and for myself and successors I tender to brother Nichols our thanks for this valuable and cherished memento.

CONCLUSION.

In closing this, my last annual address to the Grand Lodge, as Grand Master, I feel impelled to tender to the Fraternity my most sincere thanks for the uniform and cordial consideration I have received, for the tenderness and forbearance shown to my shortcoming and deficiencies, and for the co-operation ever manifest in the great work of Masonry in general. I shall hold in grateful memory your kindnesses. I entered upon the high and responsible duties of Grand Master with many misgivings, trembling reluctance and great solicitude, lest I should fall short of the requirements of the office. My apprehensions have been realized—I have come short in many instances. I have erred, and I know I have left undone much that might have been done. It is easy to see the shoals and how they might have been avoided, when it is too late. A very distinguished judge in delivering the opinion of the Supreme Court, once said—"hindsight is better than foresight," (may each succeeding Grand Master be enabled to profit by the experience of his predecessor) but in all I have done I feel the consciousness of having done the best I could with the lights before me. I have given to the work my earnest and best efforts with the purest motives for the best interest of the Craft. If, in the discharge of these duties, I have wounded the feelings of any brother, to him I say not that I loved him less, but the great cause of Masonry *more*.

In some of my judgments I may have seemed severe, but I can assure you that in all I have suffered more than they. I may have erred on matters of law and prerogative. If so, I have the consciousness of having called to my aid the best resources, in the advice of more experienced Masons and the standard of Masonic authority. In fine, the best energies of head and heart have been for the past two years devoted to this work so far as I have been able, in the midst of onerous professional and perplexing private business, and I do beseech you to draw the mantle of charity over my faults, and let us *all* shake hands across whatever chasms may have been made, with cordial, fraternal grasp, invoking the "benign genius of the Mystic Art" to implant in our hearts and keep alive the sublime tenets of our profession. And may we all be built up and profited by this meeting. May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us.

GEORGE W. BLOUNT, *Grand Master*.

The following Standing Committees were announced :

On Charters and Dispensations :

No. 1—Bre. L. A. Bikle, F. H. Glover, and John W. Cotten.

No. 2—Bre. Robert Bingham, J. D. Southerland, and A. M. Noble.

On Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges :

No. 1—Bre. D. S. Waitt, E. H. White, and N. E. Cannady.

No. 2—Bre. D. G. W. Ward, Thos. Capehart, and James H. Moore.

No. 3—Bre. J. I. Macks, George S. Baker, and J. Hildesheimer.

On Accounts and Claims :

Bre. John B. Neathery, Michael Whitley, and James Southgate.

On Jurisprudence :

Bre. William G. Hill, John Nichols, P. G. Ms., and Eugene Grisson, D. G. M.

On Grand Secretary's Books and Report :

Bre. Samuel H. Rountree, P. J. G. W., W. P. Williams, and Wm. Simpson.

On Unfinished Business :

Bre. R. P. Matheson, J. C. L. Gudger, and C. D. Rice.

On Propositions and Grievances :

Bre. W. R. Kenan, E. A. Wright, and Exum Lewis.

On Suspensions and Expulsions :

No. 1—Bre. Geo. Badger Harris, J. Q. Jackson, and L. W. Batchelor.

No. 2—Bre. J. S. Battle, W. R. Cox, and Eugene S. Martin.

No. 3—Bre. C. A. Cilley, P. D. G. M., Z. M. Paschall, and A. B. Boykin.

The Grand Secretary presented the following as his annual report, which was read and referred to the Committee on his Books :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

BRETHREN: The ninetieth Annual Communication now commencing, brings us to the close of another year and completes the ninth decade since this Body started on a new career in 1787. In reviewing the year's work in our Jurisdiction I discover no marked evidences, either of general progress or retard in the workings of our Lodges save such as may be hereinafter specially intimated. A few hundred have been added to the membership of the Lodges, while some of our most faithful and active laborers have ceased their work and entered upon their final reward. Seven new Lodges have been added to our register while nine, I regret to say, have disappeared from it.

In presenting another annual report I notice very briefly a few matters coming within the scope of my official duty.

Each recurring year suggests new and multiplied duties for the Grand Secretary, and those required during the past year have been performed, I trust, to the satisfaction of the fraternity throughout the jurisdiction.

The first most important duty of the year was the publication of the Annual Proceedings which, after much care in their arrangement and printing, were completed and furnished to the Lodges at the earliest practicable time after the close of the last Annual Communication.

I have received since my last annual report, from all sources, forty-three hundred and thirty-three dollars and twenty-six cents, as follows:

Dues from Lodges for 1875 and previous years,	\$4,108 10
Charters deducting Grand Secretary's fees,	152 00
Dispensations deducting Grand Secretary's fees,	63 00
Diplomas and sales of Grand Lodge Proceedings,	2 00
Dues from former members of extinct Lodges, under Sec. 2, of Art. VI of the Code,	8 16
Total receipts,	\$4,333 26

I paid to the Grand Treasurer forty-three hundred and twenty-three dollars and ten cents. The small balance was, as usual, applied to the payment of postal expenses.

The receipts from annual dues as stated above, show a deficiency as to the amount which should be realized from the per capita stipend on the entire membership in the jurisdiction. A correspondence with the Lodges in arrears developed the cause of the delinquency, which seems to be solely financial embarrassment. Some indulgence to them on this account being made a matter of necessity, it was more readily

extended upon a promise to liquidate their indebtedness as early as practicable, and at farthest to the close of the present year.

The indications point to an increase of the receipts for the current year, though at this time, while Lodges are making payment, and in the midst of pressing duties, the exact amount of increase cannot be reckoned.

The following Lodges were established under the Dispensation of the Grand Master:

December 7, 1875—*Euno*, at Collins $\bowtie$ Roads, Wake county.
 January 12, 1876—*Double Shoal*, at Double Shoal, Cleaveland county.
 “ “ “ *Dellaplane*, at Dellaplane, Wilkes county.
 “ 15, “ *Leasburg*, at Leasburg, Caswell county.
 “ 19, “ *Mt. Moriah*, at Statesville, Iredell county.
 April 6, “ *Durham*, at Durham, Orange county.
 June 14, “ *Moravian*, at Moravian Falls, Wilkes county.

Bakersville Lodge, at Bakersville, Mitchell county, and Mayon Lodge, at Clayfork, Cumberland county, were continued under dispensation.

The Lodges chartered at the last Annual Communication, were numbered from 344 to 351, both inclusive, all of which have been, as far as ascertained, regularly at work.

I regret to have to report that, under section 1, of Article IX of the Masonic Code, the charters of the following Lodges have been forfeited by failure to pay their dues to the Grand Lodge for two or more years:

Mt. Olivet,	No. 195,	Randolph county.
Tabernacle,	“ 223,	Guilford “
Mt. Hermon,	“ 247,	Alamance “
Trinity,	“ 256,	Randolph “
Coble,	“ 264,	Guilford “
Manuel Fetter,	“ 275,	Wake “
Richland Creek,	“ 291,	Randolph “

The loss of these Lodges is attributable, in most cases at least, to financial troubles. It is hoped that in some instances, their suspension is only temporary, as the looking forward to a cessation of the generally prevailing monetary panic, gives them hope of a resuscitation.

I have also, within the past three weeks, received the charter and record book of Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 336, of Johnston county,

without any information of an action of the Lodge in surrendering them. They are in my possession awaiting the action of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, as to the acceptance of the surrender.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

The law passed at the last Annual Communication, requiring Secretaries of Lodges to transmit the annual returns to the Grand Secretary by the 25th of November, was not complied with by more than three-fourths of the Secretaries, only about fifty having sent their returns by that date. On this account the returns could not be examined by the Grand Secretary before the meeting of the Grand Lodge as the law contemplated. A reference to this matter is not made in the spirit of complaint but with a view to remind Secretaries of their duties which the law requires of them.

MASONIC CODE.

This work having been adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, has been readily accepted as the law and a proper guide book, by the fraternity of the jurisdiction. The demand thus far, however, has not been equal to the necessity for its use in the Lodges. This is shown by the many letters which have been received making enquiry into the law on various subjects which a reference to, or copy of, the proper article or section of the Code readily answered without calling on the Grand Master for his decision. The book is again brought to the attention of the Lodges through their representatives.

In closing so much of the report as relates to the business of the office I add that the account books and record of proceedings are ready for the inspection of the committee that may be appointed for that purpose.

I announce to you with feelings of sincere regret the death of the venerable John Dove, Grand Secretary of our sister Jurisdiction, Virginia, which occurred in the city of Richmond, on the 16th of November last. He had passed the bounds of years allotted to man, having attained his eighty-fourth year. The Masonic career of brother Dove is without parallel in the history of the Order. His initiation took place on the 13th of December, 1813. He had been sixty-three years a Mason, nearly all which were of active and devoted service, having been at the time of his death Grand Secretary of his Grand Lodge nearly forty-two years, of his Grand Chapter fifty-eight years, and Grand Recorder of his Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, thirty-one years.

The history of his Masonic life is already made up by the record of his brilliant achievements, but his character and fame are worthy of preservation in the chronicles of the historian, for the emulation and admiration of every true Mason.

It would be proper for this Grand Body to give an expression of its sympathy in this loss to our sister Jurisdiction.

Hoping that this Annual Communication may be characterized by the usual harmony and fraternal feeling,

I am fraternally,

Your obedient servant,

D. W. BAIN, *Grand Secretary.*

The Grand Treasurer presented the following as his annual report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

W. E. ANDERSON, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

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To balance on hand last annual report,	\$ 321 25
“ amount received from Grand Secretary past Masonic year, 4,323 10	
	\$4,644 35

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1875.

Dec. 15,	Paid J. H. Mills, advertising in <i>Orphans' Friend</i> ,	\$ 5 00
8,	“ Geo. C. Jordan, desk for Grand Secretary,	30 00
8,	“ Norman L. Shaw, Grand Pursuivant, expenses to Grand Communication,	20 00
8,	“ John W. Cotten, Senior Grand Deacon, expenses to Grand Communication,	12 25
8,	“ Samuel C. Shelton, Senior Grand Warden, expenses to Grand Communication,	35 00
9,	“ G. Rosenthal, services as Ass't Grand Sec'y at Grand Communication,	25 00
9,	“ George W. Blount, Grand Master, travelling and other expenses,	35 95
	Amount carried forward,	\$163 20

		Amount brought forward,	\$ 163 20
Dec. 9,	Paid H. H. Munson, Junior Grand Warden, ex-	expenses to Grand Communication,	18 75
9,	" J. Hildesheimer, Grand Sword Bearer, ex-	expenses to Grand Communication,	13 75
9,	" T. S. Kenan, Priv. Sec. to Gr. Master, 1 year,		40 00
10,	" H. C. Prempert. Grand Tiler, aprons, ser-	vices, repairs, &c.,	70 25
10,	" News Publishing Co., advertising 89th An-	annual Communication,	5 00
10,	" John Nichols & Co., bill of printing, station-	ery, &c.,	61 50
11,	" C. C. Clawson, glass, nails, cord and work,		20 81
15,	" G. W. Atkins, removing and refitt'g library,		10 00
15,	" W. W. Holden, P. M., postage stamps,		10 00
17,	" Bobbitt & Gray for <i>Advocate</i> , advertising	89th Annual Communication,	4 00
24,	" Edwards, Broughton & Co., printing and	binding,	20 00
31,	" D. W. Bain, Grand Sec'y, salary for 1875,		700 00
1876.			
Jan'y 1,	" John Nichols & Co., 150 dispensat'n blanks,		8 00
3,	" W. H. & R. S. Tucker, 40 yards crepe,		5 00
15,	" John Armstrong, binding G. L. proceed'gs,		12 00
19,	" Alfred Williams, bill stationery,		2 00
Feb'y 5,	" Georgia Home Insurance Co., insurance Or-	phan Asylum buildings,	54 00
24,	" J. H. Mills, Sup't, on acc't appropriation,	Orphan Asylums,	500 00
March 7,	" W. H. & R. S. Tucker, 12 pair gloves,		3 00
22,	" North Carolina Home Insurance Co., insur-	ance Orphan Asylum buildings,	40 00
April 6,	" John Nichols & Co., printing and binding	proceedings, Grand Lodge,	432 00
8,	" W. W. Holden, P. M., postage stamps,		64 00
10,	" South. Ex. Co., transportation proceedings,		23 00
18,	" J. H. Mills, Sup't, on acc't appropriation,	Orphan Asylums,	500 00
May 17,	" Brown & Warner, stationery,		15 25
June 6,	" J. H. Mills, Sup't, on acc't appropriation,	Orphan Asylums,	500 00
		Amount carried forward	\$3,295 51

		Amount brought forward,.....	\$3,295 51
Oct. 12,		Paid W. W. Holden, P. M., postage stamps,....	2 40
26,	"	J. H. Mills, Sup't, on acc't appropriation,	
		Orphan Asylums,	500 00
Dec. 4,	"	George W. Blount, Grand Master, expenses, .	117 55
5,	"	Compensation to Grand Treasurer,.....	150 00
		Balance carried forward to new Masonic year,...	578 89
			\$4,644 35
		Balance brought down on hand,	\$578 89

The hope expressed in my last report that the new system of collecting dues from the Subordinate Lodges would obviate the necessity of the Grand Treasurer's having to borrow money to meet current expenses, has not been fulfilled, and the new system seemed to deplete the list of membership to an alarming extent: the money on hand to pay the last requisition of the Superintendent of Orphan Asylums on the Grand Treasurer for five hundred dollars, fell short about one-half or two hundred and fifty dollars, and as it costs the Grand Lodge about this amount to print in its proceedings every year the names of the individual members of the Subordinate Lodges, I respectfully recommend that a resolution be passed by the Grand Lodge, instructing the Grand Secretary to have these names printed with the proceedings only once in four or five years instead of annually as heretofore, thus diverting the amount thus expended to the uses of the Orphan Asylums: there is very little change in the list of names from year to year, and any one filing the annual proceedings of the Grand Lodge will have a list sufficiently complete for reference; I will mention the fact that the drafts of the Superintendent of Orphan Asylums have always been paid on presentation although I had to borrow the money to meet the last one of five hundred dollars.

The Directors of the Masonic Temple Association held a meeting in November, and resolved to call the stockholders together on the third Tuesday in January next to decide upon a course of action. It has been found impossible to make collections, and it becomes necessary either to devise some means to continue the work or else to sell the property purchased by the Directors, and close up its affairs and dissolve the Association. I think it would be well for the Grand Lodge to make an expression of opinion on the subject as it still stands on the books of the Association as subscriber for ten thousand dollars of stock, although nothing has ever been paid on the same.

The hall, in which the Grand Lodge is now assembled, has been rented for the ensuing year, and I have agreed on behalf of your body

to pay one hundred dollars per annum as its share of the rent, and will continue to do the same unless otherwise instructed.

The old Lodge building is still sometimes used by Hiram Lodge, No. 40, as its place of meeting, but is in a very dilapidated condition, and, if sold as contemplated, will bring little or nothing for the Grand Lodge's interest in the building. I have not kept the building insured for the past year, for if burned, the ground would bring as much as if the present structure were standing on it.

I have kept the Orphan Asylum buildings at Oxford insured for ten thousand dollars at a nett cost to the Grand Lodge of ninety-four dollars, for which you will find proper vouchers filed with my accounts. I will continue to keep these buildings so insured unless you shall see fit to otherwise instruct.

I am sorry to report that owing, I suppose, to the extreme stringency of the times no further subscriptions to the endowment fund for the Orphan Asylum, have come into my hands. This is a matter of very great importance, and will, I presume, be brought to your notice more fully by the proper authority.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. ANDERSON, *Grand Treasurer.*

Bro. J. B. Batchelor, P. D. G. M., moved that the resolution introduced by himself at the last Annual Communication, in relation to the holding of property by the Grand Lodge for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum, and not finally acted on, be referred to the committee to be appointed on the Orphan Asylum. The motion prevailed.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock,
December 6th, A. L. 5876.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

An invitation from Mr. F. P. Hobgood, Principal, to the Grand Lodge, to attend at the Baptist Female Seminary to

witness and hear special exercises (calisthenic and musical,) on Thursday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, was read and accepted with the unanimous expression of thanks.

Bro. John Nichols, Principal of the North Carolina Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, invited the Grand Lodge to visit the Institution on Friday evening, at 7½ o'clock, which invitation was accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge.

The following special committee on the Orphan Asylum, was announced :

Bre. W. R. Cox, John Nichols, P. G. M., Z. M. Paschall, F. H. Glover, and J. Q. Jackson.

Bro. W. P. Williams introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

WHEREAS, the hall of Mt. Mourne Lodge, No. 347, was, on the 16th of November last, destroyed by fire, together with all their furniture, charter, &c., therefore,

Resolved, That their charter be renewed, and dues owing to the Grand Lodge for the year 1876, be remitted.

Bro. J. H. Mills, Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum, submitted his report as follows, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Reported last year, at Oxford and Mars Hill, one hundred and thirty-four orphans. Admitted, since last report, fifty-seven. Ran-away, four; discharged, eighty-two; died, two—leaving at Oxford, one hundred and three. Cash receipts at Oxford including contributions, subscriptions to *Orphans' Friend* and amounts received for property sold, eleven thousand and fifty dollars and twenty-six cents. Total disbursements at Oxford, including expenses of *Orphans' Friend* and amounts sent to Asheville, eleven thousand and twelve dollars and sixty-three cents—leaving on hand to-day thirty-seven dollars and sixty-three cents.

Receipts in cash at Asheville, including contributions, amounts received from Oxford and receipts from sales of property, thirty-four hundred and two dollars and ninety-six cents. Disbursements at Ashe-

ville thirty-six hundred and twenty-eight dollars and fifty-eight cents—leaving a deficiency of two hundred and twenty-five dollars and sixty-two cents; but, this amount will be diminished by receipts for property sold, but not delivered, at last report.

These statements are general and comprehensive, because the books and receipts are all present and each item may be examined by those who prefer more minute information.

The receipts in kind have been liberal. Provisions especially came to us in seasons of sore distress. During the greater part of the year we fed, clothed and taught, more than one hundred and fifty orphans. The contributions were very encouraging, and we felt disposed to enlarge our operations. But, when the political campaign waxed hot and absorbed the thoughts and the means of the people, our receipts were reduced to almost nothing and a total suspension of our work seemed to be inevitable. We reduced expenses by sifting out such orphans as were not considered promising and those whose ages and circumstances made it proper to discharge them. Expenses were further reduced by the employment of four advanced orphans at very small salaries. As these advanced orphans can afford to work for less than the salaries named in our present regulations, and are perfectly willing to do so, and as they are more efficient than other inexperienced persons, I suggest that a scale of salaries be adopted for them, and that they be employed when competent to perform the duties required. Besides those whom we now employ, four others are in higher schools, prosecuting their studies with credit to themselves, and giving promise of usefulness in the future.

HEALTH.

The wash-house, the bathing-house and the stables have been moved to a considerable distance from the Orphan house, and the premises have been freed from every thing that seemed to threaten the health of the children. These changes have been succeeded by a decided improvement in the health of the orphans. For many weeks our sick-rooms have been vacant, and the children have been remarkably punctual at their meals. Their general appearance has also greatly improved.

DEATH.

Mary Vinson, a little daughter of a widow, from Pitt, whom we employed as cook, was feeble and evidently diseased on her arrival. She found rest in the sleep of death. Hezekiah Strickland, of Sampson, was a delicate boy, and, after a brief sickness escaped the sorrows

and sufferings of mortal life. Both these children died at an age, when death has no sting and the grave has no victory.

Ere sin could blight or sorrow fade,
Death came with friendly care;
The opening buds to heaven conveyed
That they might blossom there.

MARS HILL ASYLUM.

At the Annual Communication of 1874, the Trustees of the school property at Mars Hill offered the Grand Lodge a deed to the same, including eighteen acres of land and a brick building considerably dilapidated, so long as it should be used as an Orphan Asylum. Some alterations in the deed were suggested and prominent brethren, living west of the Blue Ridge, were understood to promise that a new deed conformed to the wishes of the Grand Lodge should be written, signed, registered, and forwarded to the Grand Master. I was then instructed to proceed with the work at Mars Hill. The building, dangerous and untenable, was made safe and comfortable, three out-houses were erected and a yard and garden enclosed with a permanent fence. With these fixtures, our Orphan work was conducted here as reported at our last Annual Communication.

In December, 1875, Rev. L. M. Pease, of Asheville, proposed to give the Grand Lodge the tract of land whereon he now resides, reserving during his life and that of his wife, the buildings and the building site. A public meeting was held in Asheville and much enthusiasm was manifested. The citizens, in the meeting, agreed to rent a house for Mr. Banks, and the steward agreed to pay his insurance, amounting to fifty dollars, if he would vacate the Newton Academy buildings for immediate occupation by the orphans.

Wagons were offered and sent to Mars Hill for the children, and they were in Asheville before the Grand Master could be consulted, and before the order of the Superintendent forbidding the removal could reach the steward. Some time after this, it was ascertained that the promised deed to the Mars Hill property had never been written, and some of the Trustees quite prominent and influential made speeches claiming the property and the improvements, which had cost us more than five hundred dollars. After much consideration and consultation the Grand Master advised me to abandon the property, and rely on the magnanimity of other Trustees to make the Grand Lodge a reasonable compensation for the improvements made on the premises.

This was all that seemed left for us to do; but I closed the doors

with sincere sorrow on account of the remarkable health the children had enjoyed there, and on account of the deep interest manifested by some of the Trustees in the work, and their great anxieties to have it continued among them.

OUR SOJOURN AT ASHEVILLE.

The Newton Academy buildings were intended and arranged for a school of one sex only. We could not adapt them to our use without heavy expense. As we did not own them, this expense could not be safely incurred. As a partial remedy for the disadvantages under which we labored, two brick form rooms, sixteen by twenty-four feet, were erected, at a cost of six hundred dollars; these rooms were located on the land donated by Mr. Pease, and held by a deed properly recorded and forwarded to the Grand Master.

But, in August, the Newton Academy property was sold at auction, without our knowledge, for only twenty dollars, though we had paid fifty dollars, and citizens of Asheville had promised two hundred, for the privilege of occupying it. It was bought by a widow, who mentioned law-suits, and personal violence, in connection with those who interfered with her rights. Then Mr. Pease proposed to move the children to his residence and conduct an Orphan House on terms which he specified. The Grand Master visited Asheville, conferred with Mount Hermon Lodge, accepted the proposition, and instructed me to transfer the property and the children. When I was ready to do so, Mr. Pease proposed that if the Grand Master would reconvey the property donated by him, he would open an Orphan House and conduct it on his own plans without any responsibility on the part of the Grand Lodge. I telegraphed this proposition to the Grand Master and urged him to accept it. He did so, and sent a deed, which was declined by Mr. Pease, because it provided that the property should be used for an Orphan Asylum. It seemed to me that the Grand Lodge, having received this property in trust for a specified benevolent purpose, could not, in good faith, permit it to be diverted from that purpose. I could not, therefore, recommend any alteration of the deed.

Meanwhile Mr. Pease proceeds in the erection of his buildings, and will soon be ready for the reception of Orphans.

As our work in Asheville had been attended with constant perplexities, as we labored under disadvantages, which could not be explained to friends and visitors, and as there was a good prospect of an orphan house on the adjacent premises, with facilities entirely out of our reach,

it was thought best to concentrate upon our work at Oxford. We, therefore, discharged the children of suitable age and circumstances, and moved the remainder to Oxford. We also sold some of the property, but carried to Oxford such as was needed there.

Now, in spite of our difficulties at Mars Hill and Asheville, important progress has been made in the mountains. The orphan work has been forcefully presented to the people of the west. The rights of the orphans and the duties incumbent on all good citizens have been placed before their eyes, have been sounded in their ears, and impressed upon their hearts till many new fountains of benevolence have been opened. The orphan entertainments have proved to poor and needy orphans, that there is a house open for them where they may learn to read the laws of their country and the commandments of their Maker—where, by wisely improving their minds and their hearts, they may grow up into good and useful citizens.

ORPHAN AID SOCIETIES.

From various causes the constitution and ritual of our Orphan Aid Societies were not prepared till late in Summer. Then the Centennial and the political campaign diverted and occupied the thoughts of our people. Only one society was organized, but its work very plainly proved that forty similar organizations would raise all the funds required for one hundred children.

Some other Orphan Aid Societies have been in operation. Generally they have been well managed. In some cases, however, they have claimed absolute control over the funds collected, and have retained contributions which were made for the benefit of the orphans.

I respectfully recommend that our Orphan Aid Societies be organized in every community, and that all independent Orphan Aid Societies be disapproved.

CONCLUSION.

At the opening of the present year, hope told a flattering tale and I desired to report an enlargement of our orphan work. Now I come before you with a heavy heart to say that our operations are contracted and our numbers limited, for want of means. A never-failing few continued their kind contributions, and helped us through a long campaign of diverted thoughts and benefactions.

In every part of the State the orphan work has found a few faithful friends ready to uphold it in every time of trial. The sifting of the orphans has, however, resulted in the one very decided advantage of

leaving us a more intelligent and promising school of orphans than we ever had before. The people may now have the assurance that their contributions will not be expended on the unworthy. We have good reason to hope that a large majority of those now enjoying instruction will grow up into good and useful men and women. They will love the noble people who first loved them, who remembered their poor and needy condition, and extended to them the helping hand of human sympathy and kindness. To be good and to do good! a beautiful philosophy and a heaven born religion. Noble in itself and a blessing to all mankind. It will fill the world with joy and gladness and make it a heaven of love and mercy.

J. H. MILLS, *Superintendent*.

On motion of Bro. Wm. Patterson, the charter of Pleasant Hill Lodge, No. 168, which had been destroyed by fire, was renewed, and the dues to the Grand Lodge for the years 1875 and 1876 were remitted.

Bro. T. C. Williams made a similar motion in behalf of Clinton Lodge, No. 124, whose property had recently been destroyed by fire, which prevailed.

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report that, after careful examination, they find that the resolution of the last Annual Communication, page 71 of Proceedings, instructing the Committee on Jurisprudence to report at the present Annual Communication a plan by which property may be legally held in trust for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum, is the only business not acted on.

The record of Proceedings of last Annual Communication is complete.

Fraternally submitted,

R. P. MATHESON, }
C. D. RICE, } *Com.*
J. C. L. GUDGER, }

The Grand Master appointed Bre. Thos. S. Kenan, R. W. Best, P. G. M., and M. S. Davis, the Special Committee on Appeals.

Committee, No. 1, on Charters and Dispensations submitted a report, recommending that charters be issued to new

Lodges, which was adopted, and charters were issued bearing names and numbers as follows :

Durham,	at Durham,	No. 352
Moravian,	in Wilkes county,	" 353
Euno,	in Wake county,	" 354

The committee reported also in the case of Mayon Lodge, in Cumberland county, recommending that it be continued under dispensation, which was concurred in.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'CLOCK,
December 6th, A. L. 5876, A. D. 1876.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.
The following communication was read :

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER,
Independent Order Odd Fellows,

Wilmington, N. C., December 5th, 1876.

GEORGE W. BLOUNT, *Grand Master of Masons, Raleigh, N. C.:*

DEAR SIR: Please tender my fraternal greetings to the officers and members of your honorable body.

May your Grand Convocation be abundantly blessed in its deliberations, with wisdom from Him, who is the Great Architect of the Universe, and Grand Master of all.

The Orphan poor—a precious charge. May your efforts to ameliorate their condition continue to receive that *encouragement* and *support*, heretofore given it by your Grand Lodge, and which has called forth the blessings of all classes upon your ancient and honorable fraternity.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD J. JONES, *Grand Master,*
I. O. O. F. of N. C.

On motion of Bro. C. A. Cilley, P. D. G. M., the same was ordered to be recorded in these Proceedings, and the Grand Master was requested to express in reply the appre-

ciation of this Grand Body, of the kind and fraternal mention of the orphan work.

Reports of Committees were presented and concurred in, as follows :

Standing Committee on Propositions and Grievances :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances to whom was referred a petition from Saint John's Lodge, No. 96, Kinston, N. C., for the restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry of L. M. McCullen, who was indefinitely suspended by Concord Lodge, No. 58, Tarboro, N. C., on the charge of drunkenness, respectfully beg leave to suggest to the party aggrieved that he petition in writing to Saint John's Lodge, No. 96, to be endorsed by Concord Lodge, No. 58, as being the most courteous way of accomplishing his object. The Committee are thoroughly satisfied of Mr. McCullen's reformation.

W. R. KENAN, }
E. A. WRIGHT, } Com.
EXUM LEWIS, }

Standing Committee No. 3, on Suspensions and Expulsions :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee No. 3, on Suspensions and Expulsions beg leave to report that they have examined the following named cases, and recommend :

1. That the action of Lenoir Lodge, No. 233, in the case of C. G. Grady, who was charged with habitual drunkenness, and indefinitely suspended, be approved.

2. That the action of Farmington Lodge, No. 265, in the case of W. M. Taylor, who was charged with drunkenness and profanity, and indefinitely suspended, be approved.

3. That the action of Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, in the case of Wm. H. Finch, who was charged with drunkenness, and expelled, be approved.

4. That the action of Rountree Lodge, No. 243, in the case of Meyer Rice, who was charged with unmasonic conduct in various particulars and indefinitely suspended, be approved.

5. That the action of Junaluskee Lodge, No. 145, in the case of A. W. Bell, charged with unmasonic conduct in refusing to pay a brother seventeen dollars and fifteen cents and expelled, be reversed.

In this case the Master refused to allow a gentleman, who was not a Mason, to appear as counsel for the accused.

The Lodge erred in taking jurisdiction over a simple case of debt due from one member to another. A Lodge is not a court for the collection of debts, and has no right to inflict any penalty, much less the severe one of masonic death, upon a brother whose poverty or bad fortune may have rendered him temporarily unable to comply with his business contracts.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. CILLEY,
A. B. BOYKIN,
Z. M. PASCHALL, } Com.

Standing Committee No. 1, on Suspensions and Expulsions :

We, the Committee No. 1, on Suspensions and Expulsions have examined such cases as have been placed in our hands for review, and beg leave to report that we approve of the action of Holly Grove Lodge, No. 252, in the expulsion of brothers John W. Hofter and Henry A. Brinkley, for "disobedience of a legal masonic summons."

The transcript of proceedings from Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, shows the trial and indefinite suspension of the Rev. John Parham. We advise the brethren to make up a better record of a masonic trial, should they ever have occasion, than the one presented. Had there been with the papers a regular appeal filed with the Lodge in thirty days, setting forth clear and distinct grounds, as there might have been, your committee might have hesitated for some time in recommending that the action of the Lodge below be sustained, but we shall never disturb the action of a Subordinate Lodge, apparently regular, except on the clearest grounds, and so far as we can see *now* the Rev. Bro. John Parham must stand indefinitely suspended until the brethren of Blackmer Lodge choose to take him back.

The proceedings of Roanoke Lodge, No. 203, in the matter of brother E. M. Hicks, charged with numerous masonic offences, appear to be regular, sentence expulsion, which we approve.

Transcript of proceedings of Cleaveland Lodge, No. 202, in the trial of brother J. G. Williamson. Bro. Williamson prevailed, as the record says, on brother L. N. Durham to endorse his paper in bank, upon which he, Williamson, drew money. Very soon thereafter Williamson filed his petition in bankruptcy, and paid off brother Durham in scrip of that peculiar kind. Every other proper judicial means should be exhausted before recourse should be had to a free Mason Lodge to collect debts, then and in that case we could say what we thought about

the whole proceedings, and we *say* that Cleaveland Lodge, No. 202, ought not to have entertained this case for one moment, but referred it to another tribunal. However, the papers are regular, and brother Williamson stands expelled, and we have no right to interfere.

Transcript of proceedings of Morning Star Lodge, No. 85, at Nashville, shows that charges were preferred by this Lodge against thirty-six members for the non-payment of dues, and a special field day, (so to speak,) was set for the trial or trials, and it appears that on said day brother Jesse H. Drake came forward and showed that he had withdrawn from the Lodge in 1827, thereupon the charges were withdrawn as to him, and we, your committee, would, if allowed to do so, recommend that *that* part of the report be affirmed, it seeming to us a clear case. A number of the brethren then came forward and paid their dues, and this action appears to your committee to be clearly within the rule. Bro. T. H. Scott was reported simply "superannuated," what that means needs the interpretation of wiser heads than pertains to your committee. A number of the brethren, however, were *indefinitely suspended* on the charge above referred to. All the papers in this case ought to go back to Morning Star Lodge, No. 85, with a gentle admonition.

Palmyra Lodge, No. 338, proceeded to expel brother S. R. Spruill, and we should judge upon sufficient grounds. The case was sent back from this Grand body a year ago, on account of irregularities in the general "get up" of the transcript. We did not examine this case at the last Grand Communication, it being in the hands of Committee No. 3, on Suspensions and Expulsions. There is some irregularity in the transcript, but the committee recommend that the action of the Lodge be confirmed.

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, expelled brother B. E. Hutts, for collecting money due the Lodge and failing to account for the same. The brother was tried and expelled *apparently* at a *regular* meeting of the Lodge. It should have been a *special* communication, the secretary, however, may have made the mistake in calling that *regular* which was *special*. The action of Unanimity Lodge ought to be affirmed.

Haw River Lodge, No. 225, expelled brother Wm. H. Brookbank. The offence was gross unmasonic conduct, and we cannot make any adverse comments regarding the action of Haw River Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. JACKSON,	} Com.
L. W. BATCHELOR,	
GEO. BADGER HARRIS,	

Committee No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations submitted a report, recommending that charters be issued to new Lodges, which was adopted and charters were issued bearing names and numbers, as follows :

Dellaplane,in Wilkes county,No. 355
Double Shoal,in Cleaveland county,No. 356

On recommendation of said committee, Mt. Moriah Lodge, at Statesville, Iredell county, was allowed to retain its old charter and number, with all property heretofore forfeited to the Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. I. Macks introduced the following resolution, which was read, concurred in, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence :

WHEREAS, a difference of opinion has arisen in regard to the status of a member excluded for non-payment of dues; and, whereas, Sec. 12 of Art. 13, By-Laws of Grand Lodge, places such a member in a non affiliated relation, and can be reinstated only in the manner prescribed by the By-Laws of his Lodge; and whereas, an occasion may arise when such member might wish to be reinstated, but, from some cause, probably of a personal character, be rejected; and, such member might desire to pay his dues, and request a dimit; and, whereas, no provision is made for cases of this kind, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Jurisprudence be requested to examine into the matter, and give an expression of opinion on the same at this session of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. C. D. Rice introduced a resolution with preambles, concerning certain alleged irregularities in the work of the degrees in William G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, and instructing the Committee on Work to enquire into, and report at this Annual Communication upon, said alleged irregularities. The same was read, concurred in, and referred to the Committee on Work.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this evening, at 7 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock,
December 6th, A. L. 5876, A. D. 1876.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Special Committee on the Orphan Asylum submitted its report, which was read, and pending consideration, re-committed and made the special order for to-morrow morning, at 10½ o'clock.

The Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee to whom was referred the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Address, respectfully report that they have considered the same with care; and find that, in style and sentiment, form and substance, it is unexceptionable; evincing taste, learning and ability, and a proper appreciation of the exalted position, which he has occupied in relation to this body and to our noble Order.

The address shows that, in exercising discipline, the most delicate and embarrassing duty, which a Grand Master has to perform, he has been patient discriminating and just. This is so manifest that, in the absence of any specific complaint, the committee does not deem it necessary that it should be referred to any other committee.

The committee recommend that so much of the address as relates to the orphan work, be referred to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum.

That so much as relates to "work," be referred to the Committee on Work.

That so much as relates to "decisions," be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN G. READE, }
JAMES S. BATTLE, } *Com.*
WILLIAM G. HILL, }

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers under the superintendence of Bre. W. R. Kenan, J. I. Macks, Robert Bingham, and J. R. Williams, with the following result:

HORACE H. MUNSON,	.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
ROBERT W. HARDIE,	.....	<i>Senior Grand Warden.</i>
J. C. L. GUDGER,	.....	<i>Junior Grand Warden.</i>
WILLIAM E. ANDERSON,	.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
DONALD W. BAIN,	.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

The Grand Master appointed Bre. Samuel H. Rountree, Bernice Walker, C. D. Rice, William Simpson, and H. F. Grainger, to constitute the Special Committee on Work.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK,
December 7th, A. L. 5876, A. D. 1876.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The proceedings of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Bro. Preston Cumming was added to Committee No. 1, on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges.

Reports of Standing Committees were presented as follows and adopted :

Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

We, your Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions, beg leave to submit the following report :

We have examined the proceedings of Wilson Lodge, No. 226, reporting the trials of P. C. Journey and G. W. Webber, who were charged with unmasonic conduct in this :

1. Disobedience of legal summons.
2. Non-payment of dues.

They were found guilty and sentence of indefinite suspension imposed.

The committee report that the above mentioned punishment is unconstitutional and void, because it does not appear that the disobedience of summons was willful, and recommend that the case be referred

back to the Lodge that it may impose the proper punishment, and call attention of the Lodge to By-Laws, Article XIII, Section 9.

Case No. 2. The action of Carolina Lodge, No. 141, in the suspension of John S. Kendall is sustained, but the committee think the punishment inflicted extremely lenient.

Case No. 3. The action of Henderson Lodge, No. 229, in the expulsion of W. A. Quincey is sustained. The action of the same Lodge, in the expulsion of James B. White is sustained, and the committee express their approbation of the form in which these proceedings come up.

Case No. 4. The action of Carolina Lodge, No. 141, in indefinite suspension of David Hyatt is sustained.

Case No. 5. The action of McCormick Lodge, No. 228, in the indefinite suspension of Alfred Hinsley is sustained.

Case No. 6. The action of Clinton Lodge, No. 124, in the indefinite suspension of Thos. C. Horton is sustained, but the committee would call attention to the fact that the findings of the Lodge do not appear upon the face of the record, and the committee have only to infer from the sentence that the defendant was convicted. The committee call attention to By-Laws, Article XIII, Section 5.

Case No. 7. The action of Warren Lodge, No. 101, in the indefinite suspension of John W. Farrior is sustained, but the same defect in the transcript of the proceedings, appears as in case mentioned above, to wit: that the findings are not set forth.

The committee hope secretaries, in future, will be more careful to make their transcript conform to law.

Your committee beg leave further to report that the transcript of the record of Lincoln Lodge, No. 137, as to the trial of J. W. Bean be returned to that Lodge that it may be made out according to law.

Further the charge nor specification is set forth, and the transcript is deficient in other particulars.

Fraternally submitted,

J. S. BATTLE, }
W. R. COX, } *Com.*
E. S. MARTIN, }

Committee on Grand Secretary's Books and Report:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your committee to whom were referred the report and books of the Grand Secretary, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined his books, and take great pleasure in giving our testimony to the neat, accurate and systematic manner in which they are kept. We find them to correspond in every particular with his report as submitted to your Grand body. The amount received during the last year was forty-three hundred and thirty-three dollars and twenty-six cents for which he holds the Grand Treasurer's receipt, and other proper vouchers.

We cordially endorse the recommendation of the Grand Secretary in relation to an expression by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina of its sympathy and condolence with our sister Grand Jurisdiction, Virginia, in the loss sustained by the death of its venerable and beloved Grand Secretary, the late brother John Dove, and recommend the appointment of a committee to give expression to the same.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE,	} <i>Com.</i>
W. P. WILLIAMS,	
WILLIAM SIMPSON,	

The special order for 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, being the report of the Committee on the Orphan Asylum, was announced. The same was read, considered by sections, and adopted, and appears as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following:

1. Considering the disturbed condition of the country, and the stringency of monetary affairs, the committee feel highly gratified at the success of the orphan work during the past year.
2. The committee recommend that the orphan work for the present be concentrated at Oxford; and, that it be curtailed or enlarged from time to time, as the funds contributed will justify.
3. We recommend that a committee of three be appointed to present the claims of the orphan work to the General Assembly, and urge an annual appropriation to aid in the support of the Asylum.
4. The committee desire to express their great gratification at the manner in which the orphan work has been managed by the worthy Superintendent, and trust that he will be continued in a work for which he is so well qualified by disposition, habits and education.
5. That the Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, together with the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, constitute a com-

mittee, who shall be empowered to fix the salaries of all teachers and employees of said institution, and adopt such measures as may be required for the internal regulation of the same.

6. That the same appropriation which was made for the support of Asylum last year, to-wit: two thousand dollars, be made this year and on the same condition.

W. R. COX,	} <i>Com.</i>
JOHN NICHOLS,	
Z. M. PASCHALL,	
J. Q. JACKSON,	
F. H. GLOVER,	

The Grand Master appointed Bre. W. E. Anderson, J. A. Leach, and F. H. Busbee, the committee provided for in the third paragraph of foregoing report.

Bro. A. M. Noble moved the appointment of a committee to inform the Grand officers elect of their election and procure the services of a Past Grand Master to install them. The motion prevailed and the Grand Master announced Bre. A. M. Noble, T. S. Kenan, and John W. Cotten as the committee.

Bro. J. I. Macks, from Committee No. 3, on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee No. 3, to whom were referred the returns of Lodges report that they have examined them and find them correct as far as appear to them, except the following:

Rock Spring, No. 341; Numa F. Reid, No. 344; Mt. Mourne, No. 347; are without date of charter and seal.

The seal is not attached to returns of following Lodges:

St. Patrick's, No. 274; Castalia, No. 286; Pamlico, No. 300; Evergreen, No. 303; Galatia, No. 306; Sandy Creek, No. 326; Harmony, No. 340; Hickory, No. 343; Apex, No. 349.

The date of charter is omitted in the returns of the following Lodges:

Monatau, No. 318; Trap Hill, No. 356.

Dates of exclusions of members are omitted in returns of following Lodges:

Mebaneville, No. 272; White Hill, No. 321.

Returns of Snow Creek Lodge, No. 343, have not the date of charter, seal, or names of appointed officers.

Respectfully,

J. I. MACKS,
J. HILDESHEIMER, } *Com.*

Bro. James Southgate, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, submitted the following as a partial report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Accounts and Claims beg leave to report that they have examined the report, books and vouchers, of the Grand Treasurer, for the past Masonic year, and find the books kept in a systematic business manner.

Vouchers for all moneys paid out were examined and found correct.

Your committee would recommend that the following resolutions be adopted in accordance with the suggestions of the Grand Treasurer:

Resolved, 1st. That the name of the Secretary only, of Subordinate Lodges, be published with the usual tabular statement in the Proceedings.

Resolved, 2d. That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby appointed proxy to represent the ten thousand dollar stock subscribed by this Grand Lodge to the North Carolina Masonic Temple Association at a meeting to be held in this city in the month of January next, and that he be requested to obtain a release from this obligation, if such can be legally effected.

Resolved, 3d. That the acts of the Grand Treasurer relative to renting this Hall, and the insurance of the property of the Grand Lodge be, and the same are hereby, approved.

JAMES SOUTHGATE, *for Committee.*

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of a Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum. Bro. C. A. Cilley, P. D. G. M., nominated Bro. J. H. Mills for re-election to that office, and he was unanimously re-elected by a rising vote.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock,
December 7th, A. L. 5876, A. D. 1876.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

Reports of Standing Committees were presented as follows, and adopted :

Committee on Propositions and Grievances :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances beg leave to submit the following report :

1st. They recommend that the dues of Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 143, be remitted up to November, 1875. The hall of this Lodge has been burned, and their petition shows that the members were compelled to incur a considerable debt in rebuilding.

2d. They recommend that the request of Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, be not granted. This Lodge also applies for remission of dues, but, in the opinion of your committee, the petition itself does not show a case, which would warrant this Grand body in extending them indulgence.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. KENAN, }
E. A. WRIGHT, } Com.
EXUM LEWIS, }

*Committee No. 2, on Work, Proceedings and Returns of
Subordinate Lodges :*

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Committee No. 2, to whom were referred returns of Lodges have examined them and report as follows :

The returns examined are correct as far as observed, except the following :

The returns of Charity, No. 5, and Johnston Caswell, No. 10, have an impression of seal so imperfect as scarcely to be legible, and Unanimity, No. 7, have not the date of charter as required by the law.

Returns are incorrect as stated as follows :

Skewarkey, No. 90, and Western Star, No. 91, without date of charter, seal indistinct; Leaksville, No. 136, no date of charter and seal indistinct; Carolina, No. 141, dates are not given of members excluded; Palmyra, No. 147, without date of charter; Chalmers, No. 151, without seal; White Stone, No. 155, seal indistinct; Archer, No. 165,

without date of charter and seal; Winston, No. 167, seal indistinct; Pleasant Hill, No. 168, without date of charter and seal; Industrial, No. 212, without date of charter.

The committee deem it proper to refer to the fact that, in many instances, secretaries fail to conform to the suggestions of the Grand Secretary, contained in his annual circular letter, as to the manner of preparing the returns, in the matter of reporting members excluded for non-payment of dues and in other respects.

The committee observe that, in many instances, dates are not given of initiations, withdrawals, &c., thus failing to properly show gains and losses in membership during the Masonic year. As the Masonic year closes on 31st of October, it is important that all initiations, withdrawals, exclusions, &c., for non-payment of dues, after 31st October, should not be embraced in the returns of the same year as has been done in some instances. The Grand Lodge is entitled to the fifty cents per capita dues on the membership of Subordinate Lodges on the 31st of October.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. G. W. WARD,
THOS. CAPEHART, } *Com.*

*Committee No. 1, on Work, Proceedings and Returns of
Subordinate Lodges:*

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee No. 1, on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges, report that returns referred to them have been examined and found correct, except those of Lodges below mentioned:

The following have not seal of Lodge: Beulah, No. 257; Centre Hill, No. 260.

The following have not date of charter: Falkland, No. 196; Richland, No. 214.

The returns of Eno, No. 210, have not date of charter or seal; Catawba Valley, No. 217, incorrect in many particulars.

We would respectfully suggest to secretaries of Subordinate Lodges that the Grand Secretary's annual circular be examined more carefully before filling up returns. It would be well that the returns of Catawba Valley, No. 217, be returned with instructions for correction.

Respectfully,

D. S. WAITT,
PRESTON CUMMING, } *Com.*

Bro. R. W. Best, P. G. M., from the Special Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was read and unanimously adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee on Appeals submit the following report :

We have considered the appeal of W. B. Arrington from a judgment of King Solomon Lodge, No. 56, whereby the said Arrington was expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, and recommend that the action of the Lodge be affirmed.

We have considered the appeal of V. D. Macumber from the judgment of St. John's Lodge, No. 1. The testimony abundantly sustains the charge, and your committee heartily approve the action of the Lodge in expelling the accused, and recommend that the same be affirmed.

We have examined the appeal of brother J. M. Kirkpatrick, of Le-noir Lodge, No. 233, and recommend that the case be remanded for a new trial, on the ground that sufficient notice was not given the members of the Lodge, as to the time of holding the special communication.

We have examined the appeal of brother G. W. Nixon, of New-Lebanon Lodge, No. 314, and recommend that the case be remanded for a new trial. The Lodge below erred in excluding the evidence of persons not Masons.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. BEST, }
M. S. DAVIS, } *Com.*
T. S. KENAN, }

Bro. J. H. Mills introduced the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to return the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge to Franklin Lodge, No. 151, at Franklin, Virginia, for the respectable entertainment of the Superintendent and company of Orphans, and for a liberal contribution to the orphan work.

Bro. C. D. Rice, from the Special Committee on Work, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address, which relates to Work, beg leave to report that they heartily concur in the suggestions of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the necessity of taking steps whereby uniformity in the work

shall, as far as possible, be attained, but, in consequence of the short time which your committee have had to consider the subject, they have been unable to perfect a plan, which they are willing to offer to the Grand Lodge and, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to perfect a plan in accordance with the suggestion of the Grand Master, and report to the next Annual Communication, and suggest such amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws as will be necessary to carry the plan into successful operation.

SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE,	} <i>Com.</i>
B. WALKER,	
C. D. RICE,	
H. F. GRAINGER,	
WILLIAM SIMPSON,	

The Grand Master appointed Bre. Samuel H. Rountree, Bernice Walker, C. D. Rice, H. F. Grainger, and William Simpson, to constitute the committee provided for in the resolution embraced in the foregoing report.

Bro. T. D. Johnston introduced the following resolution, which was read and referred to a special committee composed of Bre. James Southgate and J. G. Hall:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge pay to J. H. Carter, of Asheville, N. C., one hundred and forty-eight dollars, being the amount advanced by brethren of Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118, intended for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum at Asheville, N. C., provided that this amount shall not be charged against the annual appropriation for the Orphan Asylum.

Bro. Thos. S. Kenan, from the Committee to inform the Grand officers elect of their election, and procure the services of a Past Grand Master to install them, reported the duty of the committee performed, and that M. W., Edwin G. Reade, P. G. M., had been selected to perform the installation services.

The Grand Master announced that the installation of Grand officers would take place at this evening's session.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this evening, at 7 o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock,
December 7th, A. L. 5876, A. D. 1876.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Master appointed Bre. Thos. S. Kenan, C. A. Cilley, and C. D. Rice, a special committee to prepare suitable resolutions, respecting the death of the late Bro. John Dove, of Virginia.

The hour for the installation of Grand officers was announced.

The Grand Master elect having made his appointment of officers, they, with the Grand officers elected on last evening, were installed by M. W., Edwin G. Reade, Past Grand Master, assisted by Bro. Eugene S. Martin, Grand Marshal, and proclamation was made thereof:

ELECTED OFFICERS:

HORACE H. MUNSON,..... *Grand Master.*
ROBERT W. HARDIE,..... *Senior Grand Warden.*
J. C. L. GUDGER,..... *Junior Grand Warden.*
WILLIAM E. ANDERSON,..... *Grand Treasurer.*
DONALD W. BAIN, *Grand Secretary.*

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

CLINTON A. CILLEY,..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
JOHN C. HARTSELL, *Grand Chaplain.*
ALBERT M. NOBLE, *Senior Grand Deacon.*
JACOB I. MACKS,..... *Junior Grand Deacon.*
ROBERT BINGHAM,..... *Grand Marshal.*
JAMES S. BATTLE, *Grand Sword Bearer.*
FRANK H. GLOVER,..... *Grand Pursuivant.*
MILES GOODWIN,..... *Grand Tiler.*

Bro. James Southgate, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, presented an account of Bro. H. C. Prempert, Grand Tiler, and recommended its payment, which was agreed to.

Bro. James Southgate, from the Special Committee, to

whom was referred the resolution providing for the payment of one hundred and forty-eight dollars to brethren of Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118, introduced this afternoon, reported the same back, and recommended its passage. The recommendation of the committee was concurred in.

Bro. C. D. Rice, in behalf of the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the report of that committee, as far as prepared, which was considered and re-committed. The committee as constituted (see Proceedings of Friday morning) will consider the important matters embraced in the report referred to, and present their report at the next Annual Communication.

Bro. Wm. E. Anderson, G. T., introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge give its permission to its co-lessees of this Hall to keep the Hall open for the reception of Master Masons, whenever there shall be an unusual number of visitors in the city.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock,
December 8th, A. L. 5876, A. D. 1876.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The proceedings of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The committee to prepare resolutions respecting the death of the late Bro. John Dove, of Virginia, submitted the following report, which was read and unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

This Grand Lodge having learned through the Grand Secretary the death of the venerable John Dove, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, hereby gives expression to that Grand body of deep sympathy in the loss which it has sustained.

The Masonic career of Bro. Dove is appropriately referred to by the Grand Secretary. His character as a Mason stands prominently before the Masonic world as possessing the elements of true greatness, and as a citizen before the people of Virginia, among whom he spent his life, and by whom he was held in high esteem, as influential and exemplary.

He has descended to the grave full of honors and with a measure of fame, which has scarcely been attained by another, followed by the sorrows of a fraternity, who knew him but to love him.

It is eminently proper for this Grand body to put on record its expressions of sincere esteem for the departed brother and in addition to this tribute direct that a page inscribed to his memory, be set apart in the proceedings of this Annual Communication.

Fraternally submitted,

C. D. RICE, *for the Committee.*

The presentation of the report was followed by remarks from Bro. Rice of eulogy on the life and character of the distinguished deceased.

Resolutions were introduced as follows and adopted:

By Bro. James Southgate:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge hereby expresses its thanks to the authorities of the several Railroad, Canal, and other Transportation Companies, for the courtesy of reduced rates of travel extended to the members of the Grand Lodge.

By Bro. E. A. Wilson:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand body are hereby tendered to the proprietors of the several hotels and boarding-houses of this city, for their hospitable entertainment of members of the Grand Lodge at reduced rates of fare.

By Bro. C. A. Cilley, D. G. M.:

Resolved, That the Grand Master appoint three trustees to receive and hold any property, real or personal, which may be given, bequeathed or devised to this Grand Lodge, in trust for the maintenance and support of the Orphan Asylum or any charity connected with said Asylum, with power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and to take any steps requisite to secure the possession or use of such property.

Under this resolution the Grand Master appointed Bre. W. R. Cox, C. A. Cilley, and Wm. E. Anderson, Trustees therein provided for.

By Bro. C. D. Rice :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to define the status of members of Lodges whose charters have been forfeited or arrested by the Grand Master, and report to the next Annual Communication.

By Bro. William Simpson :

Resolved, That this Grand body hereby returns its thanks to Chas. Noble & Co., of Philadelphia, Penn., for the elegant heating stove presented to the Grand Lodge for use in this Hall.

By Bro. John W. Cotten :

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer is hereby instructed to purchase new jewels and regalia for the officers of the Grand Lodge, provided the cost shall not exceed one hundred dollars.

Bro. C. D. Rice, from the Committee on Work, submitted the following report :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

A minority of the Committee on Work beg leave to report that the resolution of Bro. Rice, on work, referred to that committee, was duly considered, but, in the absence of the chairman of the committee, a report of the result of its deliberations cannot be presented to the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

C. D. RICE,
WM. SIMPSON, } *Com.*

Bro. C. A. Cilley, D. G. M., moved that the report with its subject matter be referred to a special committee of three to report at the next Annual Communication. [Resolution of Bro. C. D. Rice referred to on page 40.]

The motion was adopted, and the Grand Master appointed Bre. Edwin G. Reade, John Nichols, and Wm. G. Hill, Past Grand Masters, the Committee.

The Grand Master appointed the following standing committees :

On Foreign Correspondence :

Bre. Edwin G. Reade, P. G. M., George Badger Harris, and James Southgate.

On Printing :

Bre. Wm. G. Hill, P. G. M., Wm. E. Anderson, and D. W. Bain.

On Credentials :

Bre. John B. Neathery, Robert W. Best, and Fabius H. Busbee.

Bro. John Nichols, P. G. M., from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following reports, which were read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address, relating to the troubles in Johnston Caswell Lodge, No. 10, Wayne Lodge, No. 112, and Rehoboth Lodge, No. 279, have considered the same, together with the accompanying papers, and submit the following as the result of their labors.

The difficulty in Johnston Caswell Lodge, No. 10, which was before this Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication, ought to have been settled by the Reference Committee of that Lodge as recommended by the committee to whom it was referred, but it seems that the Reference Committee were unable to effect a compromise, and were finally relieved from the further consideration of the case. The Grand Master then appointed Bro. George Badger Harris, Special Deputy, to visit the Lodge, assemble the brethren, and make another effort to adjust the difficulty that had arisen between two worthy brothers and prominent citizens, from what appears to have been a mere misunderstanding of facts, and which should and could have been settled in five minutes time had each of them exercised a little more charity and brotherly love for the other. Brother Harris, by his prudence, knowledge of the laws and usages of the fraternity, and determined will, finally succeeded in healing the breach, and restoring harmony to the Lodge.

This case before its final adjustment, seems to have assumed an importance, and created a feeling in the Lodge and in the community, wholly unwarranted by circumstances under which the difficulty originated.

The difficulty with Wayne Lodge, No. 112, was of an entirely different character, and one in which the Grand Master was called upon to exercise the highest, and at the same time most delicate prerogative of his office; and we are pleased to observe from the papers before us, that in his official actions in regard to this Lodge, he exercised great prudence and sound discretion in his rulings, and exhibited a degree of patience that could have been exercised by few men under similar circumstances. Had he dealt summarily with the refractory member alluded to in his report, and made him feel the full force of the law that should be meted out to all such offenders, his action would have received the full approbation of this committee.

In regard of Rehoboth Lodge, No. 279, the committee are of opinion that, from an examination of the papers, referred to them, the good of Masonry will be subserved by an arrest of the charter of said Lodge, and recommend that such action be taken by this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Master be requested to take the necessary steps to secure and preserve the property of the Lodge.

The Committee have also considered the preamble and resolution offered by Bro. J. I. Macks, and report that

Article XIII, Section 9, By-Laws of the Grand Lodge permits Subordinate Lodges to dismember for the non-payment of dues, but prohibits the infliction of any greater punishment. Section 12 of the same article, (clause 3) says "a member excluded for non-payment of dues can be reinstated only in the manner prescribed by the By-Laws of the Lodge."

We are of opinion that the law on the subject is sufficiently explicit, without any expression of opinion on the part of the committee.

WILLIAM G. HILL, }
EUGENE GRISSOM, } *Com.*
JOHN NICHOLS, }

The Grand Lodge having concluded the business brought before it, the proceedings of this day's session were read and approved. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Bro. E. A. Wilson, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

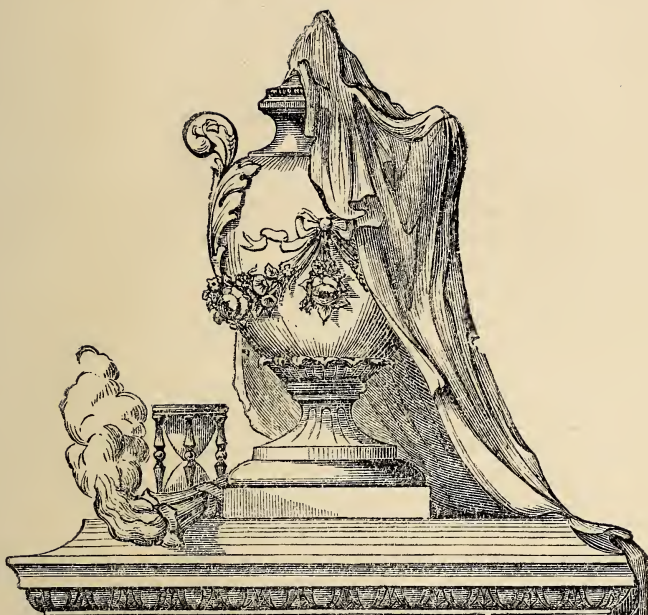
HORACE H. MUNSON,

Grand Master.

ATTEST:

DONALD W. BAIN,

Grand Secretary.



INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY

—OF—

JOHN DOVE, M. D.,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of
Virginia.

Born September 2d, 1792.

Died November 16th, 1876.

The memory of his life and character will be ever enshrined within the hearts of a Universal Brotherhood, and the record of his fame will endure *in perpetuum* for the admiration of his countrymen.

LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA, WITH NAMES OF SECRETARIES AS APPEAR ON ANNUAL RETURNS, AND TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	NAMES OF SECRETARIES.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
St. John's, Royal White Hart, St. John's Charity, Unanimity,	1 2 3 5 7	Wilmington, Halifax, Newbern, Windsor, Edenton,	New Hanover, Halifax, Craven, Bertie, Chowan,	James C. Munds, John T. Gregory, George E. Pittman, R. W. Askew, John F. Clayton,	Last Thursday evening. Third Wednesday, June 24, Dec. 27. Second Wednesday evening. First Monday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27. First Tuesday evening, Monday of Court, June 24 and December 27.
Phoenix, Johnston Caswell,	8 10	Fayetteville, Warrenton,	Cumberland, Warren,	John B. Troy, Joel G. King,	1st and 3rd Fridays, June 24, Dec. 27. Friday evening before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
American George, Phalanx, Stokes, William R. Davie,	17 31 32 37	Murfreesboro, Charlottesville, Concord, Lexington,	Hertford, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Davidson,	Oris Parker, W. H. Hoffman, T. C. Stricker, A. C. Hege,	First Saturday evening. Second and Fourth Mondays. Last Friday, June 24 and Dec. 27. Friday evening before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Davie, Hiram, Hall, King Solomon, Concord,	39 40 53 56 58	Roxabel, Raleigh, Indian Town, Jackson, Tarboro,	Bertie, Wake, Currituck, Northampton, Edgecombe,	Thomas F. Lee, E. B. Thomas, W. L. Wilson, James A. Buxton, N. M. Lawrence,	Third Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. Third Monday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27. First Saturday morning. First Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. First Friday evening, Third Saturday morning.
Perseverance, Kilwinning,	59 64	Plymouth, Wadesboro,	Washington, Anson,	Joseph A. Latham, I. H. Horton,	First and Third Tuesdays. Monday night on or before full moon.

Scotland Neck,	Scotland Neck,	Halifax,	Rich'd H. Smith, Jr.,	Third Tuesday and First Saturday evenings, June 24 and December 27.
Eagle,	68 Hillsboro,	Orange,	John M. Blackwood,	First Friday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27.
Widow's Son,	75 Camden C. H.,	Camden,	D. M. Spence,	Third Saturday.
Greensboro,	76 Greensboro,	Guilford,		
Zion,	81 Trenton,	Jones,	Thomas J. Whitaker,	Third Saturday.
Mount Moriah,	82 Statesville,	Iredell,	P. C. Carlton,	Fourth Friday evening.
La Fayette,	83 Jacksonville,	Onslow,	R. F. Pelletier,	Third Saturday.
Fellowship,	84 Smithfield,	Johnston,	John H. Cotter,	
Morning Star,	85 Nashville,	Nash,	A. W. Bridgers,	Fourth Saturday morning.
Skewarkey,	90 Williamston,	Martin,	Wilson G. Lamb,	2nd Tuesday and 4th Friday evenings.
Western Star,	91 Rutherfordton,	Rutherford,	Albert L. Grayson,	First Monday evening, Tuesday evenings of Court, June 24 and Dec. 27.
				First Thursday, June 24.
Joseph Warren,	92 Stantonsburg,	Wilson,	W. L. Grimmer,	Second Saturday morning.
Jerusalem,	95 Hookerton,	Greene,	J. J. Edwards,	Second Wednesday, June 24, Dec. 27.
St. John's,	96 Kingston	Lenoir,	Lewis B. Cox,	Saturday before second Sunday.
Wake Forest,	97 Dunnsville,	Wake,	J. J. Dunn,	Third Friday morning.
Hiram,	98 Clinton,	Sampson,	D. A. Culbreth,	Every Friday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27.
Fulton,	99 Salisbury,	Rowan,	Lewis V. Brown,	Thursday before second Sunday.
Warren,	101 Kenansville,	Duplin,	Thomas S. Watson,	
Columbus,	102 Pittsboro,	Chatham,	Edmund S. Hoyt,	1st and 3rd Tuesdays, June 24, Dec. 27.
Orr,	104 Washington,	Beaufort,	H. C. Stokes,	Every Monday evening.
Perquimans,	106 Hertford,	Perquimans,	N. M. Roan,	Second Saturday, June 24, Dec. 27,
Clinton,	107 Yanceyville,	Caswell,		Tuesday evening of Court.
				1st Saturday morn'g, June 24, Dec. 27.
Belmont,	108 Faison,	Duplin,	W. J. Thompson,	Last Thursday evening.
Franklin,	109 Beaufort,	Carteret,	David Pierce,	First and Third Monday evenings.
Wayne,	112 Goldsboro,	Wayne,	J. W. Gulick,	First and Third Fridays.
St. Albans,	114 Lumberton,	Robeson,	S. E. Ward,	Saturday before Fourth Sunday, June 24 and December 27.
Holly Spring,	115 Holly Spring,	Wake,	W. H. Stinson,	

Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, &c.—CONTINUED.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	NAMES OF SECRETARIES.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Mt. Lebanon,	117	Wilson,	Wilson,	B. F. Briggs,	Every Monday evening, Second Thursday in each month, June 24.
Mt. Hermon,	118	Asheville,	Buncombe,	Lawrence Pulliam,	Thursday evening on or before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Logan,	121	Jamestown,	Guilford,	Augustus H. Cooke,	First Monday evening; in December on second Monday evening.
Tuscarora,	122	Oxford,	Granville,	W. A. Blackley,	Second and last Saturday, June 24.
Franklinton,	123	Franklinton,	Franklin,	J. S. Pierce,	1st Thursday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27.
Clinton,	124	Louisburg,	Franklin,	S. D. Thornton,	First Friday morning.
Mill Creek,	125	Newton Grove,	Sampson,	W. S. Hayes,	First Saturday.
Gatesville,	126	Gatesville,	Gates,		
Blackmer,	127	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	W. C. Russell,	Third Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Hanks,	128	Franklinsville,	Randolph,	J. H. McCargo,	Saturday evening before second Sunday, June 24 and December 27.
Dan River,	129	Madison,	Rockingham,	R. E. Weathersbee,	First Wednesday at 2 P. M., second Wednesday at 7 P. M.
Conoho,	131	Hamilton,	Martin,	Arvel Sugg,	Third Saturday.
Radianee,	132	Snow Hill,	Greene,	W. A. Albright,	First Tuesday evening, Tuesday evening of Court, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Alamance,	133	Graham,	Alamance,	W. A. Clement,	Third Friday evening, Tuesday evening of Court week, June 24, Dec. 27.
Mocksville,	134	Mocksville,	Davie,		
Black Rock,	135	Bernard,	Brunswick,	B. J. Field,	Saturday even'g before each full moon.
Leaksville,	136	Leaksville,	Rockingham,		

Lincoln,	137. Lincoln,ton,	Lincoln,	J. M. Lawing,	First Monday evening, Monday even'g of Court weeks, June 24 and Dec. 27.
King Solomon, Mount Energy, Carolina,	138 Long Creek, 140 Wilton, 141 Ansonville,	Pender, Granville, Anson,	M. C. Collins, J. C. Hines, W. A. Smith,	Second Saturday morning. First Saturday afternoon. First Friday after full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Mount Vernon, Junaluskee, Cherokee, Palmyra, Adoniram, Chalmers,	143 Ore Hill, 145 Franklin, 146 Murphy, 147 Aversboro, 149 Brownsville, 151 Carbonton,	Chatham, Macon, Cherokee, Harnett, Granville, Moore,	S. J. Tally,	Third Saturday afternoon.
White Stone, Rolesville, Mount Pleasant,	155 Wakefield, 156 Rolesville, 157 Raleigh,	Wake, Wake, Wake,	W. J. Smith, T. J. Overby, C. E. Stuart,	Third Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. Saturday even'g before second Sunday. First Saturday evening after full moon in each month, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Knap of Reeds, Rock Rest, Yadkin,	158 Knap of Reeds, 161 Hadley's Mills, 162 Yadkinville,	Granville, Chatham, Yadkin,	William B. Chamblee, W. K. Hunter, D. K. Moore,	Fourth Saturday morning. First Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. Saturday afternoon before third Sunday, June 24.
Archer, St. Paul's,	165 Clayton, 166 Point Caswell,	Johnston, Pender,	M. W. B. Veazey, William C. Mann, Robert G. Zachary,	Saturday afternoon before 3rd Sunday. Second Saturday, Dec. 27 at 3 P. M. First Saturday evening after full moon, Tuesday evening of Court, June 24 and December 27.
Winston,	167 Winston,	Forsyth,	J. B. Wall, J. R. Paddison,	First Saturday. Friday before first Sunday. Second Saturday even'g, Tuesday evening of first week of Court, June 24 and December 27.
Pleasant Hill, Blackmer,	168 Patterson's Store, 170 Weaversville,	Alamance, Buncombe,	Silvester Spoon, T. Hale Weaver,	First Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. On or before each full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Delk,	171 Colerain,	Bertie,	M. B. Evans,	Saturday before third Sunday.

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Buffalo, Geo. Washington, Mecklenburg,	172 174 176	Jonesboro, Green Level, Davidson College,	Moore, Chatham, Mecklenburg,	W. T. Culbertson, J. E. Johnson, W. S. P. Sloan,	Second Saturday evening, Dec. 27. Saturday before 2nd Sunday, Dec. 27. Saturday on or before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Siloam, Caldwell,	178 180	Harrell's Store, Chapel Hill,	Sampson, Orange,	N. F. Highsmith, C. W. Lloyd,	Fourth Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. Saturday before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Carthage, Townesville, Centre Grove, Jordan, Sandy Creek, Pine Forest, Central Cross, Balfour,	181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188	Carthage, Townesville, Hillsdale, Reynoldson, Laurel, Harrington, Peach Tree Grove, Ashboro,	Moore, Granville, Guilford, Gates, Franklin, Harnett, Nash, Randolph,	A. Edwards, O. C. Gupton, Neill McLeod, W. H. Cates, T. C. Worth,	First Saturday morning. First Saturday afternoon. First Saturday morning. Second Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. Wednesday evening before full moon, Wednesday evening of Court. Second Saturday afternoon, Dec. 27. Third Saturday morning.
Fair Bluff, Granite, Burnsville, Falkland, Cary, Eagle Rock, Cleveland,	190 191 192 196 198 201 202	Fair Bluff, Clayton, Burnsville, Falkland, Cary, Eagle Rock, Shelby,	Columbus, Johnston, Yancey, Pitt, Wake, Wake, Cleveland,	E. D. Meares, J. B. Turley, John King, W. M. Joux, William Underhill, J. C. Gidney,	Saturday before 3rd Sunday, at 11 A. M. Saturday before 2nd Sunday, at 3 P. M. Third Saturday in each month. Friday evening before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Roanoke,	203	Weldon,	Halifax,	W. H. Brown,	First Thursday evening.

Berea,	204 Oxford,	Granville,	T. J. Smith,	Saturday before third Sunday, June 24 and December 27.
Mingo,	206 Hawley's Store,	Sampson,	John Dudley,	First Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Lebanon,	207 Whiteville,	Columbus,	William S. Frink,	4th Friday at 10 A. M., June 24, Dec. 27.
Mount Olive,	208 Mount Olive,	Wayne,	D. M. McIntire,	Sat'day before 2d Sunday, Friday evening before 4th Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
New Salem,	209 New Salem,	Randolph,	J. N. Caudle,	Saturday evening after full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Eno,	210 Durham,	Orange,	R. E. Lyon,	Saturday before fourth Sunday.
Ashland,	211 Mount Airy,	Surry,	R. M. Taylor,	Saturday evening before fourth Sunday, June 24.
Industrial,	212 Company Shops,	Alamance,	R. W. Tate,	First Wednesday evening.
Richland,	214 Thomasville,	Davidson,	A. L. Grimes,	Saturday evening before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
New Light,	215 Slabtown,	Granville,	James Z. Allen,	Third Saturday, at 2 P. M.
Catawba Valley,	217 Morganton,	Burke,	S. McD. Tate,	Not stated.
William G. Hill,	218 Raleigh,	Wake,	William P. Wetherell,	Second and fourth Mondays, Dec. 27.
Stokesburg,	220 Walnut Cove,	Stokes,	R. H. Massey,	First Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Webster,	222 Elevation,	Johnston,	Abram Dixon,	Fourth Saturday.
County Line,	224 County Line,	Davie,	J. R. Dwiggins,	First Saturday, at 2 P. M., after each full moon, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Haw River,	225 Oak Ridge,	Guilford,	H. A. Mowbray,	Thursday evening on or before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Wilson,	226 Olin,	Iredell,	J. S. Bell,	Friday evening on or before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Jonesville,	227 Jonesville,	Yadkin,	W. N. Lawrence,	Third Saturday.
McCormick,	228 Jonesboro,	Moore,	John R. Barnard,	Second Thursday, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Henderson,	229 Henderson,	Granville,	Bennett Bunn,	First Thursday evening.
Corinthian,	230 Rocky Mount,	Nash,	William S. Turner,	Saturday morning before third Sunday.
William T. Bain,	231 Banks,	Wake,	John W. Scott,	4th Sat'day, at 2 P. M., June 24, Dec. 27.
Gunter,	232 Haywood,	Chatham,		

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Lenoir, Anchor, Cokesbury, Mount Zion, Atlantic, Nahunta, Wicakon, Loch Lomond, Rountree, Monroe, New Berne, Elmwood, Catawba,	233 234 235 236 238 239 240 242 243 244 245 246 248	LaGrange, Auburn, Chalk Level, St. Lawrence, Currituck C. H., Fremont, Harrellsville, Shoe Heel, Kinston, Monroe, New Berne, Greensboro, Newton,	Lenoir, Wake, Harnett, Chatham, Currituck, Wayne, Hertford, Robeson, Lenoir, Union, Craven, Guilford, Catawba,	D. C. Murchison, C. N. Allen, B. F. Beale, M. T. Johnson, Peter P. Smith, E. J. Brooks, T. D. Winchester, Thomas Powers, John Chamberlain, J. M. Brown,	First Thursday. Saturday before first Sunday, Dec. 27. Fourth Saturday. Fourth Saturday morning. First Friday morning. First Saturday morning. First Friday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27. Third Wednesday. Second Saturday, June 24. Friday evening before full moon, first Tuesday evening of Court, June 24 and December 27. First Thursday, June 24. Second Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. Saturday evening before full moon. Fourth Saturday. First Saturday, Tuesday evening of Court, June 24 and December 27. First Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. Saturday before 3rd Sunday, at 5 P. M. Second Saturday morning. [Dec. 27. Saturday before 2nd Sunday, June 24,
Pythagoras, Shiloh, Rockford, Holly Grove, Lee,	249 250 251 252 253	Smithville, Sassafras Fork, Rockford, Gatesville, Taylorsville,	Brunswick, Granville, Surry, Gates, Alexander,	Edwin Legg, Adam C. Harris, A. W. Turner, John R. Hill, R. S. Barnes,	
Mount Bethel, Oaks, Beulah, Harnett,	254 255 257 258	Aspen Grove, Oaks, Beulah, Raleigh, (Wake,)	Rockingham, Orange, Johnston, Harnett,	D. T. Deanes, W. J. Morrow, James B. Woodard, R. H. Smith,	

Waynesville, Centre Hill, Excelsior, High Brighton.	259 Waynesville, 260 Edenton, 261 Charlotte, 262 Lenoir,	Haywood, Chowan, Mecklenburg, Caldwell,	J. D. Webb, Thomas Symons, J. M. Spainhour,	Fourth Saturday. Every Tuesday evening. Thursday evening before full moon, Tuesday nights of Superior Courts, June 24 and December 27.
Gaston,	263 Dallas,	Gaston,	W. F. Holland,	Friday evening after full moon, Mon- day evening of Court, June 24 and December 27.
Farmington, Durbin, Dunn's Rock, Unaka,	265 Farmington, 266 Blockersville, 267 Brevard, 268 Webster,	Davie, Cumberland, Transylvania, Jackson,	C. F. Bahnson, H. C. Fisher, John S. Keener,	Second Friday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27. Second Saturday morning.
East Bend, Tabasco,	269 East Bend, 271 Gibsonville,	Yadkin, Guilford,	A. Horn, J. M. Sutton,	Second Saturday, Tuesdays of Courts, June 24 and December 27. Saturday on or before full moon.
Mebaneville, Watauga,	272 Mebaneville, 273 Boon,	Alamance, Watauga,	Joseph S. Gibson, J. J. Horton,	Second Saturday evening, June 24 and December 27.
St. Patrick's, Beaver Dam,	274 Princeton, 276 Beaver Dam,	Johnston, Union,	R. E. Phillips, J. A. Marsh,	First Saturday evening. Friday evenings before full moon, Mon- day evenings of Court.
Green Level, Colesville, Sapona, Rich'd Watt. York,	277 Green Level, 278 Colesville, 280 Egypt, 281 Hank's Chapel,	Wake, Stokes, Chatham, Chatham,	A. C. Council, Thomas Martin, A. V. Budd, F. M. Farrell,	Friday on or before full moon, June 24 and December 27. Saturday morning before 2nd Sunday. Second Saturday afternoon. Fourth Saturday.
Forestville, Eureka,	282 Forestville, 283 China Grove,	Wake, Rowan,	S. S. Abernathy, John Sloop,	Wednesday evening before 2nd Sun- day, June 24 and December 27. Thursday before 2nd Sunday, June 24. First Saturday afternoon, June 24 and December 27.

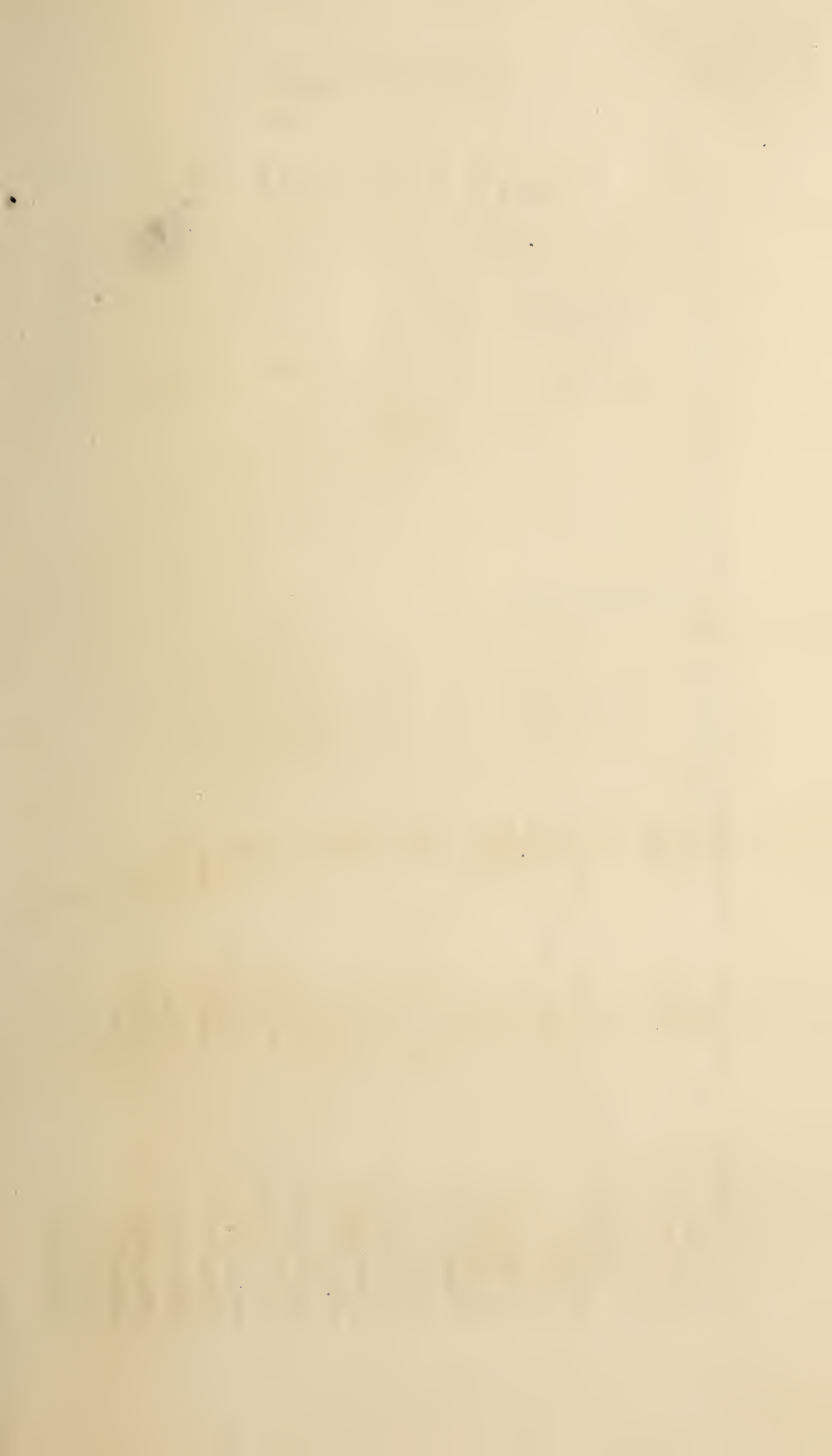
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Greenville,	284	Greenville,	Pitt,	John B. Johnson,	First Thursday morning.
Castalia,	286	Castalia,	Nash,	J. W. Wheless,	Third Saturday.
Blue,	287	Carthage,	Moore,		
Eureka,	288	Company Shops,	Alamance,		
Salen,	289	Salen,	Forsyth,	E. A. Ebert,	1st Thursday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27.
French Broad,	292	Marshal,	Madison,	Jefferson J. White,	Friday afternoon on or before full moon.
Vance,	293	Morgan Hill,	Buncombe,	J. H. Sams,	Thursday even'g on or before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Atlantic,	294	Swan Quarter,	Hyde,	George V. Credle,	2nd Saturday, Tuesday even'g of Court.
Stonewall,	296	Robersonville,	Martin,	James H. Grimes,	Saturday before third Sunday.
Edgecombe,	298	Toisnot,	Wilson,	John L. Bailey,	Fourth Saturday.
Hunting Creek,	299	Eagle Mills,	Iredell,	John G. Colvert,	Friday on or before full moon, Dec. 27.
Pamlico,	300	Aurora,	Beaufort,	John B. Bonner,	1st Saturday morn'g, June 24, Dec. 27.
Clay,	301	Hayesville,	Clay,	B. F. Shaw,	Saturday evening before first Sunday.
Lillington,	302	Harnett C. H.,	Harnett,	John Maxwell,	Third Saturday.
Evergreen,	303	Johnsonville,	Harnett,	James M. Nunn,	First Saturday morning.
Pleasant Hill,	304	Pink Hill, (Lenoir)	Jones,	Robert B. Clark,	Thursday even'g on or before full moon.
Laurinburg,	305	Laurinburg,	Richmond,	D. B. Gillis,	Saturday even'g on or before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Galatia,	306	Fayetteville,	Cumberland,		Saturday on or before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Patterson,	307	Mt. Pleasant,	Cabarrus,	D. C. Faggart,	Saturday on or before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Randolph,	309	Saunders' Hill, (Montg'y Co.,)	Randolph,	P. C. Saunders,	Saturday on or before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Hatcher,	310	Wilson,	Wilson,	E. G. Barnes,	Third Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27.

Prospect,	311 Spring Grove,	Rowan,	E. T. Goodman,	Saturday on or before full moon.
Notla,	312 Murphy,	Cherokee,	A. E. Evans,	Second Saturday afternoon.
King Solomon,	313 Dundarrach,	Robeson,	J. A. P. Conoley,	First Saturday evening.
New Lebanon,	314 South Mills,	Camden,	John C. Tatam,	First Friday morning.
Jerusalem,	315 Jerusalem,	Davie,	Thomas M. Bessent,	First Wednesday evening, Dec. 27.
Kinston,	316 Kinston,	Lenoir,	C. F. Harvey,	First and third Thursdays.
Eureka,	317 Elizabeth City,	Pasquotank,	John Benbury,	Every Monday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27.
Monatau,	318 Crooked Creek,	Stokes,	J. J. Shaffer,	Third Saturday afternoon.
Wilmington,	319 Wilmington,	New Hanover,	William S. Warrock,	Third Tuesday.
Selma,	320 Selma,	Johnston,	J. C. Scarborough,	Fourth Saturday morning, Dec. 27.
White Hill,	321 Crane's Creek,	Moore,	J. M. Cole,	3rd Saturday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27.
Granite,	322 Mt. Airy,	Surry,	J. W. Shepherd,	First Tuesday evening.
Danbury,	323 Danbury,	Stokes,	A. J. Boyd,	[day of Court.
Wentworth,	324 Wentworth,	Rockingham,	Richard Manly,	Saturday before 4th Sunday, Wednes-
Falling Creek,	325 Goldsboro,	Wayne,		Saturday before third Sunday, at 10
				A. M., June 24 and December 27.
Sandy Creek,	326 Sandy Creek,	Randolph,	G. B. Kime,*	Second Saturday, December 27.
Winton,	327 Winton,	Hertford,	A. J. Northcott,	Saturday before 4th Sunday, at 2 P. M.
Mattamuskeet,	328 Lake Landing,	Hyde,	Israel B. Watson,	Fourth Saturday, at 1 P. M.
Fayetteville,	329 Fayetteville,	Cumberland,	C. B. McMillan,	Second and fourth Friday evenings.
Black Creek,	330 Black Creek,	Wilson,	T. J. Meacham,	Third Saturday.
Bayboro,	331 Bay River,	Pamlico,	Paul J. Daniels,	Fourth Saturday, at 10 A. M.
Goldsboro,	332 Goldsboro,	Wayne,	T. B. Hyman,	First and third Thursday evenings.
Lock's Creek,	333 Fayetteville,	Cumberland,	Cyrus Murphy,	Fourth Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27.
Roman Eagle,	334 Reidsville,	Rockingham,	W. S. Allen,	Third Friday even'g, June 24, Dec. 27.
Ash Pole,	335 Ash Pole,	Robeson,		
Ionic,	337 Kittrell's,	Granville,	J. H. Fuller,	Saturday evening before full moon.
Palmyra,	338 Palmyra,	Halifax,	W. T. Savage, (p. t.),	First Wednesday. [June 24, Dec. 27.
Fairview,	339 King's Mountain,	Cleaveland,	R. S. Suggs,	Thursday evening before full moon,
Harmony,	340 Pikeville,	Wayne,	D. A. Williams,	First Thursday, at 10 A. M.
Rock Spring,	341 Rock Spring,	Lincoln,	T. H. Proctor,	Saturday on or before full moon.

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Cedar Fork, Hickory, Numa F. Reid, Snow Creek, Trap Hill, Mount Mourne, Stanly,	342 343 344 345 346 347 348	Cedar Fork, Hickory, High Point, Snow Creek, Trap Hill, Mount Mourne, Albemarle,	Wake, Catawba, Guilford, Iredell, Wilkes, Iredell, Stanly,	J. J. Edwards, Julius Flaum, W. C. Denny, T. Marshall, T. W. Smith, R. C. Kennedy, J. O. Ross,	Saturday before 3rd Sunday, Dec. 27. Friday evening after full moon. Saturday evening before full moon. Friday evening on or before full moon. Saturday evening on or before full moon. First and third Thursday. Every other Thursday, Tuesday evening of Court, June 24 and December 27. Monday after 3rd Sunday, at 6½ P. M., Saturday before First Sunday, at 3 P. M.
Apex,	349	Apex,	Wake,	Stinceon Ivey,	
Mount Moriah, Enfield, Durham, Moravian,	350 351 352 353	Battleboro, Enfield, Durham, Moravian Falls,	Nash, Hahfax, Orange, Wilkes,	W. R. Hines, George B. Curtis, John S. Lockhart, R. A. Spainhour,	First and third Wednesday evenings. First Thursday. Second and Fourth Tuesday evenings. Friday evening on or before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Euno, Dellaplane,	354 355	Collins X Roads, Dellaplane,	Wake, Wilkes,	J. T. Judd, J. D. Hunt,	First Saturday, June 24 and Dec. 27. Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24 and December 27.
Double Shoal,	356	Double Shoal,	Cleaveland,	J. H. McBrayer,	Saturday evening on or before full moon.



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NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Excluded for non-payment of dues.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Members.	Resident Masons not Members.	Whole Number.	Dues Paid.
St. John's.....	1	3	3	3	3	3	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	1	108	8	116	\$ 54 00
Royal White Hart.....	2	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	38	.....	39	19 50
St. John's.....	3	1	3	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	68	7	76	38 08
Charity.....	5	2	2	2	3	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	3	50	7	57	25 00
Unanimity.....	7	8	9	9	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	89	4	43	.....
Phoenix.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	1	70	28	98	35 00
Johnston Caswell.....	10	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	2	1	30	11	41	15 00
American George.....	17	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	42	5	47	18 00
Phalanx.....	31	6	6	8	5	5	.....	.....	2	.....	2	2	109	42	151	54 50
Stokes.....	32	3	3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	34	.....	.....	.....	30	42	72	50 00
William R. Davis.....	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	2	60	9	69	.....
Davis.....	39	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	27	3	30	.....
Hiram.....	40	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	37 00
Hall.....	53	2	2	2	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	.....	39	20 00
King Solomon.....	56	2	1	1	1	3	.....	1	2	.....	3	1	63	2	65	31 50

Concord,									5	2	51	15	66	25 50
Perseverance,									4		31	7	38	15 50
Kilwinning,									3	1	61	4	65	31 00
Scotland Neck,										2	27		27	13 50
Eagle,									25	2	74	26	100	
Widow's Son,									1	1	61	2	63	30 50
Greensboro'														
Zion,										3	42		42	21 00
Mount Moriah,														
Lafayette,						1	2	1	24		45	24	69	
Fellowship,											36		36	18 00
Morning Star,						1	1				55		55	27 50
Shewarkey,											29		29	
Western Star,											48		48	24 00
Joseph Warren,						1	1		1	2	44		44	22 00
Jerusalem,						1	1	1			41	4	45	20 50
St. John's,								1	19	1	37	26	63	18 50
Wake Forest,											29		29	14 50
Hiram,						1	1			1	67	16	83	33 50
Fulton,						3			24	1	54	28	82	
Warren,								1		1	50	5	55	25 00
Columbus,														
Orr,									12	1	30	41	71	15 00

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Perquimans,	106										2		26	8	34	\$ 12 50
Clifton,	107	5	2	1					32		8	3	51	33	87	27 00
Belmont,	108								1				42	3	45	21 00
Franklin,	109					1	1				1	2	62	15	77	27 00
Wayne,	112	3	3	3		1				7		1	51	5	56	25 50
St. Albans,	114			1		1					1	1	93	1	94	
Holly Spring,	115												40	1	41	13 00
Mt. Lebanon,	117	1	1	1	4				5		6	2	64	5	69	32 00
Mt. Hermon,	118	6	3	3	2				4		3	2	71	17	88	35 50
Logan,	121															
Tuscarora,	122					1							22	49	71	11 00
Franklinton,	123				1		1		19		2	1	27	21	48	13 50
Clinton,	124	2	2	2			1						39		39	19 50
Mill Creek,	125		1	1		1			3				46	8	54	23 00
Gatesville,	126	1		1					1				29	7	36	14 50

127	Blackmer,	1	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	22	1	1	.....	39	26	65	19 50
128	Hanks, .....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	51	2	53	20 00
129	Dan River, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	4	30	13 00
131	Conoho,	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	38	11	49	.....
132	Radiance, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	.....	56	22 65
133	Alanance, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	56	.....	80	28 50
134	Mocksville,	3	3	3	.....	2	.....	.....	22	.....	2	.....	58	22	.....	.....
135	Black Rock, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
136	Leaksville,	2	1	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	42	2	44	21 50
137	Lincoln,	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	54	5	59	12 50
138	King Solomon, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	21	14	35	10 00
140	Mount Energy,	2	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	1	1	43	11	54	21 50
141	Carolina, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	42	8	50	21 00
143	Mount Vernon, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	1	32	25	57	.....
145	Junaluskee, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
146	Cherokee, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
147	Palmyra, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	38	.....	38	10 00
149	Adoniram, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	37	18 50
151	Chalmers,	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	2	42	20 00
153	White Stone, .....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	57	.....	57	23 50
156	Rolesville,												24		24	12 00
157	Mount Pleasant,								8		1	1	48	10	58	24 00
158	Knap of Reeds,											1	40	1	41	

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New Light,.....	215	1	1	1		1							42	1	43	\$ 16 00
Catawba Valley,.....	217	3	2	1				1		1	1		28	4	30	13 00
William G. Hill,.....	218	3	3	5	5			1	5	3		1	93	3	96	
Stokesburg,.....	220	1	1	1	2	2					2		63	2	65	21 50
Webster,.....	222	1	2								1		21	9	30	10 50
County Line,.....	224															
Haw River,.....	225			1		1		1					48	2	50	
Wilson,.....	226		1	1			2						32	1	33	16 00
Jonesville,.....	227	4	3	3	3	1		1	13		3	3	61	13	74	31 00
McCormick,.....	228					2	1				1	1	33	4	37	10 00
Henderson,.....	229	2	1	1	2			2	1		1		30	1	31	15 50
Corinthian,.....	230				1								34		34	17 00
William T. Bain,.....	231					1					1		21	3	24	10 50
Gunter,.....	232			1								1	49		49	24 50
Lenoir,.....	233		1	1	1	1					1		56		56	28 00

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ABSTRACT.—(CONTINUED.)

NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Excluded for non-payment of dues.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Members.	Resident Masons not Members.	Whole Number.	Dues Paid.
Excelsior,.....	261	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	47	.....	47	\$ 23 50
High Brighton,.....	262	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	64	1	65	.....
Gaston,.....	263	7	4	4	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	57	.....	57	28 50
Farmington,.....	265	3	2	2	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	49	2	51	24 50
Durbin,.....	266	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	31	1	32	15 50
Dunn's Rock,.....	267	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unaka,	268	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	3	37	.....	37	.....
East Bend,	269	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	51	.....	51	25 50
Tabasco,	271	3	4	5	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	29	.....	29	14 50
Mebaneville,	272	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	1	.....	18	7	25	9 50
Watauga,.....	273	14	13	11	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	64	1	65	.....
St. Patrick's,	274	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	21	1	22	10 50
Beaver Dam,.....	276	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	.....	29	14 50
Green Level,.....	277	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	26	13 00
Colesville,	278	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	1	39	19 00

280	Sapona,	5	5	4													28	28	15 00
281	Richard Wat. York,																32	1	16 00
282	Forestville,																24	11	12 00
283	Eureka,	3	3	2	1												33	1	16 50
284	Greenville,																25	7	12 50
286	Castalia,																39		
287	Blue,																		
288	Eureka,																		
289	Salem,	1	2	2													45	1	7 00
292	French Broad,	3	5	4													42		22 50
293	Vance,	3	2														40		21 00
294	Atlantic,	4	3	1													40		20 00
296	Stonewall,	2	2	2	1												40		20 00
298	Edgecombe,	1	1	1	6												28	1	14 00
299	Hunting Creek,	1	1	1													44		22 00
300	Pamlico,																30	2	
301	Clay,																		
302	Lillington,	1	1	1													23		11 50
303	Evergreen,	2	2	3													19	2	9 50
304	Pleasant Hill,																14	1	7 00
305	Laurinburg,	1	3	2	1												43	7	24 50
306	Galatia,	2	2	2													27	2	13 50
307	Patterson,	2	2	2	2												21		10 50

324	Wentworth,.....								1				1				34	8	42	.....
325	Falling Creek,.....																26	4	30	13 00
326	Sandy Creek,.....	1	1	2										1			16	3	19	8 00
327	Winton,.....	3	4	2													15	1	16	7 50
328	Mattamuskeet.....	5	4	3					2								29	1	30	15 00
329	Fayetteville,.....		1									1					13	.....	13	7 50
330	Black Creek,.....	2	2	1													15	2	17	7 50
331	Bayboro',.....	5	2	4				4									47	2	49	23 50
332	Goldsboro',.....	4	2	2	3	2						1					28	1	29	14 00
333	Lock's Creek,.....	3	3	4	1												19	2	21	9 50
334	Roman Eagle,.....	4	4	4		1											24	12	36	12 00
335	Ash Pole,.....																.....	.....	.....	10 00
337	Ionic,.....					1											28	2	30	14 00
338	Palmyra,.....	1										1	3				9	.....	9	4 50
339	Fairview,.....	2	3	2	1												19	.....	19	9 50
340	Harmony,.....	1	2	2	3					1			2				26	4	30	13 00
341	Rock Spring,.....	4	7	8									2				35	.....	35	17 50
342	Cedar Fork,.....	2	2	2									1				16	.....	16	8 00
343	Hickory,.....	3	2	2	2	1											29	7	36	14 50
344	Numa F. Reid,.....	8	10	9	4												31	10	41	15 50
345	Snow Creek,.....	4	4	4													13	4	17	6 50
346	Trap Hill,.....	2				1	1										33	1	34	16 50
347	Mount Mourne,.....	7	7	7	1	1											22	.....	22	.....

RECAPITULATION.

AGGREGATE OF LODGES.

No. of Lodges represented at Annual Communication, 1876,	161
“ “ making returns in the year 1876,.....	217
“ “ from which no returns were received,	23
No. of Lodges at work, including three U. D.,	240
“ chartered Lodges gone out of existence,	119
No. of Lodges formerly and at present existing,	359

STATISTICS OBTAINED FROM RETURNS IN 1876, OF CHARTERED LODGES AND LODGES U. D.

Initiated,	360
Passed,	341
Raised,	337
Admitted in chartered Lodges,	147
Rejected,	85
Suspended,	20
Expelled,	21
Excluded for non-payment of dues,	532
Reinstated,	32
Withdrawn,	176
Died,	115

AGGREGATE OF MASONS.

No. of Members returned,.....	8,206
“ Resident Masons not Members returned,	1,218
Whole number returned,	9,424
Add members (829) and Resident Masons (164) as obtained from the last returns of Lodges failing to make returns in 1876,...	993
Estimated number formerly members of Lodges now extinct, not returned by any Lodge,	1,500
Total membership and resident masons not members,	11,917

FRATERNAL DEAD.

- St. John's, No. 1, John F. Heins. [Whitehurst.
 St. John's, No. 3, William English, William H. Jones, Henry P.
 Charity, No. 5, John T. Bond, Calvin Hoggard, T. J. P. Small-
 Unanimity, No. 7, John S. Leary. [wood.
 Phoenix, No. 8, William Mitchell.
 Johnston Caswell, No. 10, Henry Harris.
 American George, No. 17, A. J. Vinson, J. J. Vaughan.
 Phalanx, No. 31, A. H. Martin, M. L. Wriston.
 William R. Davie, No. 37, C. M. Perryman, W. H. Turner.
 Davie, No. 39, G. A. Tally.
 Hiram, No. 40, A. H. Winston.
 King Solomon, No. 56, George E. Hardy.
 Scotland Neck, No. 68, H. B. Whitmore, S. B. Hyman.
 Eagle, No. 71, A. C. Murdock.
 Widow's Son, No. 75, R. R. Guirkin.
 Morning Star, No. 85, B. H. Blount.
 Joseph Warren, No. 92, B. B. Sauls, J. T. Weaver.
 Hiram, No. 98, J. D. Pearsall, Abram N. Matthis.
 Warren, No. 101, Jonathan Chesnutt, J. J. Edwards, J. K. Out-
 Orr, No. 104, Jesse G. Griffin. [law.
 Clinton, No. 107, B. Harralson, A. B. Boswell, T. L. Blackwell.
 Franklin, No. 109, W. M. Thompson, Mason Gaskill.
 Wayne, No. 112, J. B. F. Pate.
 St. Albans, No. 114, Edmund McQueen. .
 Mt. Lebanon, No. 117, Warren Pittman, R. A. Savage.
 Mt. Hermon, No. 118, John Reynolds, Joseph S. Chunn.
 Franklinton, No. 123, J. J. Harper.
 Dan River, No. 129, B. F. Foy.
 Radiance, No. 132, Nathan Edwards.
 Alamance, No. 133, W. F. Moore.
 Lincoln, No. 137, James A. Caldwell, M. L. Brown.
 King Solomon, No. 138, William C. Mott.
 Mount Energy, No. 140, S. W. Usry.
 Mount Vernon, No. 143, Charles F. Rosson.
 Palmyra, No. 147, H. A. Barnes, J. W.

FRATERNAL DEAD.—(CONTINUED.)

White Stone, No. 155, E. A. Crudup.
Mount Pleasant, No. 157, J. C. Gulley.
Knap of Reeds, No. 158, John Peed.
Rock Rest, No. 161, C. B. Poe.
Yadkin, No. 162, John A. Stevenson.
Winston, No. 167, S. D. Newsom.
Delk, No. 171, William Nowell.
Buffalo, No. 172, Elisha Wicker.
Caldwell, No. 180, Robert M. Daniel.
Jordan, No. 184, T. B. Langston.
Sandy Creek, No. 185, L. C. Gupton.
Fair Bluff, No. 190, G. A. Belcher, C. H. Summersett.
Eagle Rock, No. 201, David Hinton.
Cleaveland, No. 202, B. B. Babington, Sr.
Roanoke, No. 203, James Johnson, J. W. Coker.
Mingo, No. 206, Ballard Jackson, J. w.
Lebanon, No. 207, James High.
Ashland, No. 211, Job Worth, Samuel A. Freeman.
William G. Hill, No. 218, H. H. Thomas.
Jonesville, No. 227, H. W. Smith, Thos. Crumpler, E. T. Thomp-
McCormick, No. 228, C. A. Hunter. [son.
Gunter, No. 232, Joseph Thomas.
Rountree, No. 243, W. D. Tucker.
Monroe, No. 244, S. H. Walkup.
New Berne, No. 245, Robert F. Lehman.
Pythagoras, No. 249, John Woodcock.
Lee, No. 253, W. T. Davis.
Oaks, No. 255, John R. Ward.
Centre Hill, No. 260, R. D. Simpson.
Excelsior, No. 261, Jacob Rintels.
High Brighton, No. 262, Horatio N. Miller.
Unaka, No. 268, W. H. Bryson, Jr., Hutson Coward, Joseph
East Bend, No. 269, R. M. Logan. [Keener.
Tabasco, No. 271, Jacob Shephard.
Watauga, No. 273, William Horton.
St. Patrick's, No. 274, L. Louis.
Forestville, No. 282, J. W. Fort.
Vance, No. 293, Robert Patterson.

FRATERNAL DEAD.—(CONTINUED.)

- Atlantic, No. 294, Noah S. Sadler, T. F. Credle.
Edgecombe, No. 298, John G. Williams.
Pamlico, No. 300, H. C. Gardner, N. W. Guilford.
Galatia, No. 306, Malcom C. Lamont.
Notla, No. 312, M. D. Johnson.
Eureka, No. 317, Albert W. Payden.
Monatau, No. 318, William H. Flynt.
Wilmington, No. 319, L. H. DeRosset.
White Hill, No. 321, John Riddle.
Sandy Creek, No. 326, Thomas Crouse.
Mattamuskeet, No. 328, Banister Midyett.
Black Creek, No. 330, C. B. Copeland.
Bayboro, No. 331, E. J. Bowen.
Apex, No. 349, T. J. Passmore.
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New Jersey,	Joseph H. Hough,	Trenton.
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